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# HISTORY OF POWESHIEK COUNTY IOWA

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PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

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Local history is the ultimate substance of national history--Wilson

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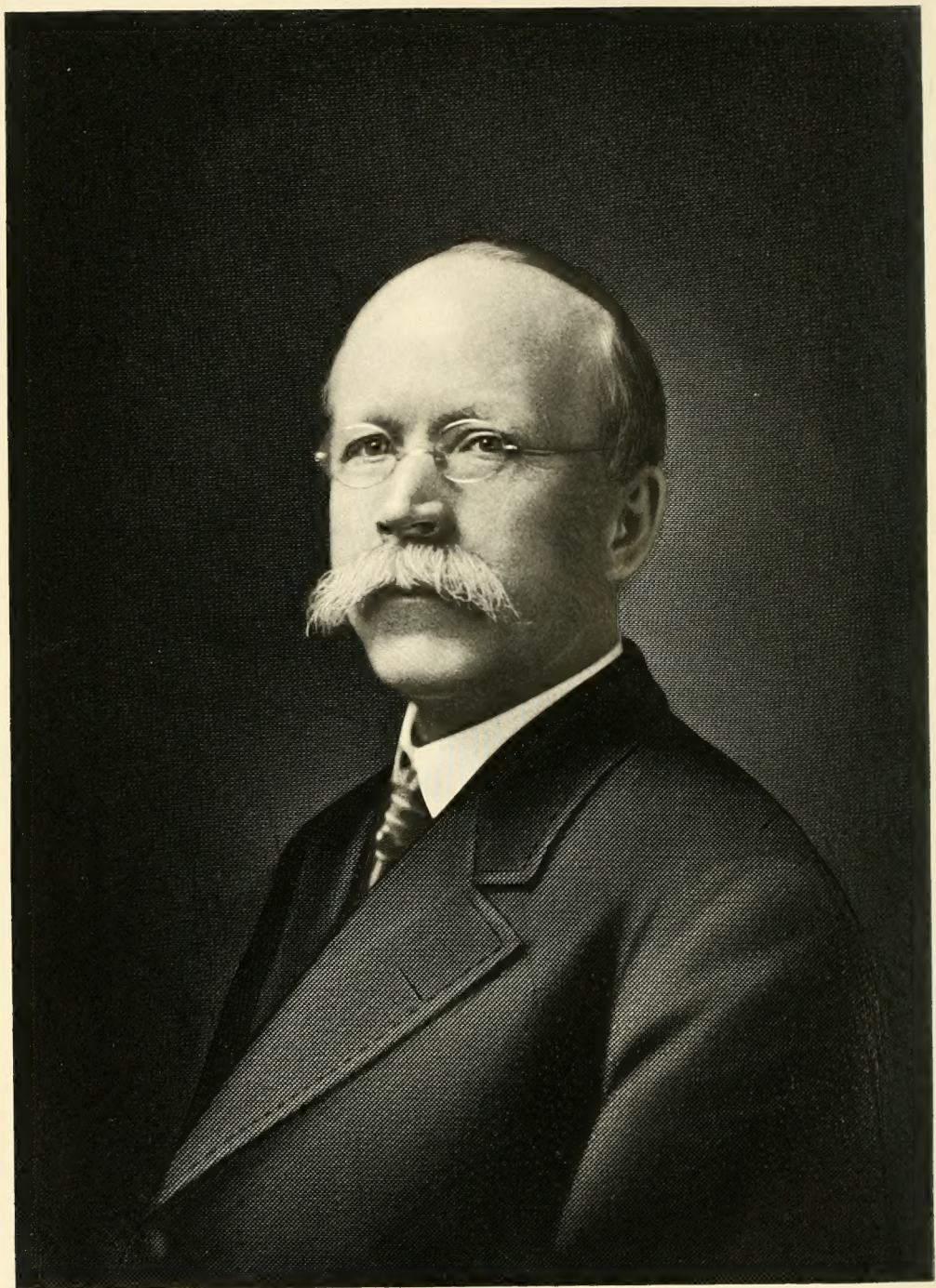
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# BIOGRAPHICAL

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## HON. HENRY W. SPAULDING.

Hon. Henry W. Spaulding, one of the most prominent and leading citizens of Poweshieck county, is at the head of the Spaulding Manufacturing Company, makers of carriages and automobiles at Grinnell and one of the largest manufacturing firms in the west. In the fall of 1910 he was honored by election to the state senate, now representing the twelfth district in that body.

His birth occurred in the northern part of Vermont on the 29th of June, 1846. When still but a boy he removed with his parents to a farm in Orange county, that state, continuing to reside thereon until nineteen years of age, when he bought his time from his mother and started out in business life on his own account. After working at various occupations for two years he built a shop in Chelsea, Vermont, hired a good blacksmith and began to learn the blacksmith's trade, occasionally building a buggy. In the course of a year or more, having two or three finished buggies on hand and creditors pressing him for money which was due them for stock, he took two buggies, hitching one behind the other, and started out to sell them. Having made the sales, he returned and settled his most pressing debts. This was the origin of the trailing system, which has been followed by the Spaulding Manufacturing Company for the past thirty-five years with success. After carrying on business in Chelsea for about two years, H. W. Spaulding sold out and went to work as a journeyman smith in different shops. About two years later he entered the service of Jacob Estey & Company, organ manufacturers of Brattleboro, Vermont, and at the end of about three months was put in charge of their blacksmithing department. He remained with the firm of Jacob Estey & Company for about three years and then went on the road for the Wiley & Russell Manufacturing Company of Greenfield, Massachusetts, manufacturers of screw cutting machines, selling machinery for about four years and traveling as far west as Iowa and also into Canada.

This state impressed him favorably and on the 11th of April, 1876, he took up his abode in Grinnell, here beginning business as a blacksmith and carriage manufacturer on a small scale. The first year he turned out about fifteen new vehicles, annually increasing the number until on the 1st of January, 1883, he was manufacturing about three hundred and fifty carriages a year. On the 17th of June, 1882, owing to a disastrous cyclone, Mr. Spaulding sustained a heavy loss financially and also suffered severe physical injuries. On the 1st of January, 1883, he sold a half interest in the business to A. P. Phillips & Son, the name of the firm becoming Spaulding, Phillips & Company. Their business gradually increased until on the 1st of January, 1887, they were taking care of eight hundred

jobs a year. At that time Phillips & Son withdrew and M. Snyder held their interest for one year, the name of the concern being Spaulding & Snyder. Their annual output was nine hundred vehicles. On the 1st of January, 1888, Craver, Steele & Austin purchased the half interest of Mr. Snyder, who retired. The firm then continued business under the style of Spaulding & Company and in 1888 manufactured two thousand vehicles. Wishing to push their Headers, Craver, Steele & Austin withdrew from the company and Mr. Spaulding conducted business independently for one year. On the 1st of January, 1890, M. Snyder and William Miles each bought a fourth interest in the concern, the name of which was changed to the Spaulding Manufacturing Company. At the end of a year Mr. Spaulding purchased Mr. Snyder's interest, then owning three-fourths of the business. In the decade between 1890 and 1900 the output of the company was increased from two thousand to four thousand vehicles annually. On the 8th of March, 1893, the Spaulding Manufacturing Company sustained a loss by fire of from fifty-five to sixty thousand dollars, and the insurance paid thereon was eighteen thousand five hundred dollars. On the 1st of January, 1900, F. E. and E. H. Spaulding, sons of H. W. Spaulding, bought out William Miles and have since remained partners of their father, holding a third interest each. In 1903 the concern manufactured and sold six thousand and one vehicles, while at the present time their annual output numbers ten thousand vehicles and employment is furnished to three hundred people. Their vehicles are sold direct to the consumers and find a ready sale in all the southern, western and northwestern states. For the past two years they have also manufactured automobiles. The plant of the company covers almost an entire block and a part of another. The house from the beginning has sustained a reputation for undoubted integrity and reliability in its methods that has made the name of Spaulding a synonym for commercial honor in Grinnell.

Mr. Spaulding is now and for about fourteen years past has been a trustee of Grinnell College, manifesting a deep and helpful interest in the institution. He is likewise a prominent factor in financial circles as the president of the Citizens National Bank of Grinnell and is a director in many other institutions. He deserves great credit for what he has accomplished, since his prosperity is entirely due to his own labor, his utilization of opportunity and his persistency of purpose.

Mr. Spaulding has been twice married. In October, 1872, he wedded Miss Miriam J. Lull, by whom he had three sons, namely: Harry E., who died at the age of twelve years; F. E.; and E. H. The wife and mother was called to her final rest in 1888 and in 1903 Mr. Spaulding was again married, his second union being with Miss Aimee M. Haight, whose birth occurred near Aurora, Kane county, Illinois, January 4, 1870. They are the parents of two daughters, Alice C. and Henryetta W., both of whom were born in Grinnell.

In politics Mr. Spaulding is a staunch republican and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have called him to several positions of public trust. For one term he served as councilman and for a similar period discharged the responsible duties devolving upon him as mayor of Grinnell. In the fall of 1910 he was elected to the state senate from the twelfth district, comprising Keokuk and Poweshiek counties. In that body he is now ably and creditably serving, taking an active part in the business that is transacted in council cham-

bers of the state. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Congregational church, to which his wife also belongs and of which he is a trustee. In all of his business relations Mr. Spaulding has been thoroughly reliable and in his treatment of employes is just and considerate. Without the aid of influence or wealth he has risen to a position among the most prominent men of Iowa and his native genius and acquired ability are the stepping stones on which he has mounted.

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### DAVID SUTHERLAND MORRISON.

David Sutherland Morrison, one of Grinnell's foremost citizens, is at the head of the Morrison & Ricker Manufacturing Company, his associates being B. J. Ricker and Frederic Morrison. His birth occurred in Bath, New Hampshire, on the 23d of October, 1851, his parents being Frederick W. and Anna (Sutherland) Morrison, extended mention of whom is made on another page of this work. He was but four years of age when brought by his father and mother to Grinnell and was reared to manhood under the parental roof. Following his graduation from the Grinnell high school he took up the study of civil engineering in Iowa College and during his three years' attendance at that institution spent each summer in the field with an engineering corps.

An older brother, Leon, died about the end of that time and the growth of his father's business called for his assistance in its conduct. When about ready to enter the factory he received information to the effect that the civil engineer under whom he had spent his summers as transit man had been awarded the contract for the extension of the Burlington & Missouri from Plattsmouth, Nebraska, to Denver, and would give him charge of a division if he would accompany him. The offer meant one hundred and fifty dollars per month, an attractive salary to a young man of twenty-one years, but his father told him that the business needed him more and so the die was cast and he entered manufacturing circles. From that time to the present his efforts have been an important factor in the successful control of one of the principal industrial enterprises of Iowa. Prior to 1872 all the gloves in the Grinnell factory had been cut by hand but in that year Mr. Morrison went to Gloversville, New York, to purchase dies for cutting and also instituted other modern methods to keep pace with the increasing business. In 1876 Frederick W. Morrison died and our subject succeeded him as the head of the concern. In the intervening years various changes have been made in the style of the firm, Mr. Morrison first having as partner Andrew McIntosh, then E. C. Wadsworth and next E. A. Wadsworth, the son of his previous associate. In 1903 the interest of Mr. Wadsworth was purchased by B. J. Ricker and Frederic Morrison, a son of David S. Morrison. However, the business was conducted under the name of Morrison & McIntosh until 1907, when Mr. McIntosh withdrew and the present firm style was adopted. In connection with his duties as the head of an extensive and important manufacturing concern Mr. Morrison also acts as vice president of the Grinnell Savings Bank.



He possesses untiring energy, is quick of perception, forms his plans readily and is determined in their execution, and his close application to business and his excellent management have brought to him the high degree of prosperity which is today his. It is true that he became interested in a business already established but in controlling and enlarging such an enterprise many a man of even considerable resolute purpose, courage and industry would have failed, and he has demonstrated the truth of the saying that success is not the result of genius but the outcome of clear judgment and experience.

On the 15th of April, 1876, Mr. Morrison was united in marriage to Miss Fannie Ricker. Her father, Edward Ricker, made his way from Kewanee, Illinois, to Scott county, Iowa, at an early day and subsequently took up his abode among the pioneer residents of Grinnell. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Morrison have been born six children, the record of whom is as follows: Nellie, who graduated from Grinnell College with the class of 1899, is now the wife of Dr. P. E. Somers, of Grinnell. Frederic, who completed the course in Grinnell College in 1911, is a partner of his father in the Morrison & Ricker Manufacturing Company. Addie, a Grinnell College graduate of 1902, is the wife of Charles F. Chase, of Mason City, Iowa. Frank H. is at present employed by his father but has decided to embark in the lumber business in Idaho in the near future. Julian and Donald are both high school students.

Mr. Morrison is a staunch supporter of the republican party, believing that its principles are most conducive to good government. He has served on the town council for three terms and for a similar period has been a member of the board of education in Grinnell. He is a valued member and a trustee of the Congregational church, to which his wife and children also belong. His life has been well spent and in all his career he has been sincere and upright in his purposes, honorable principles guiding him in all of his relations with his fellowmen.

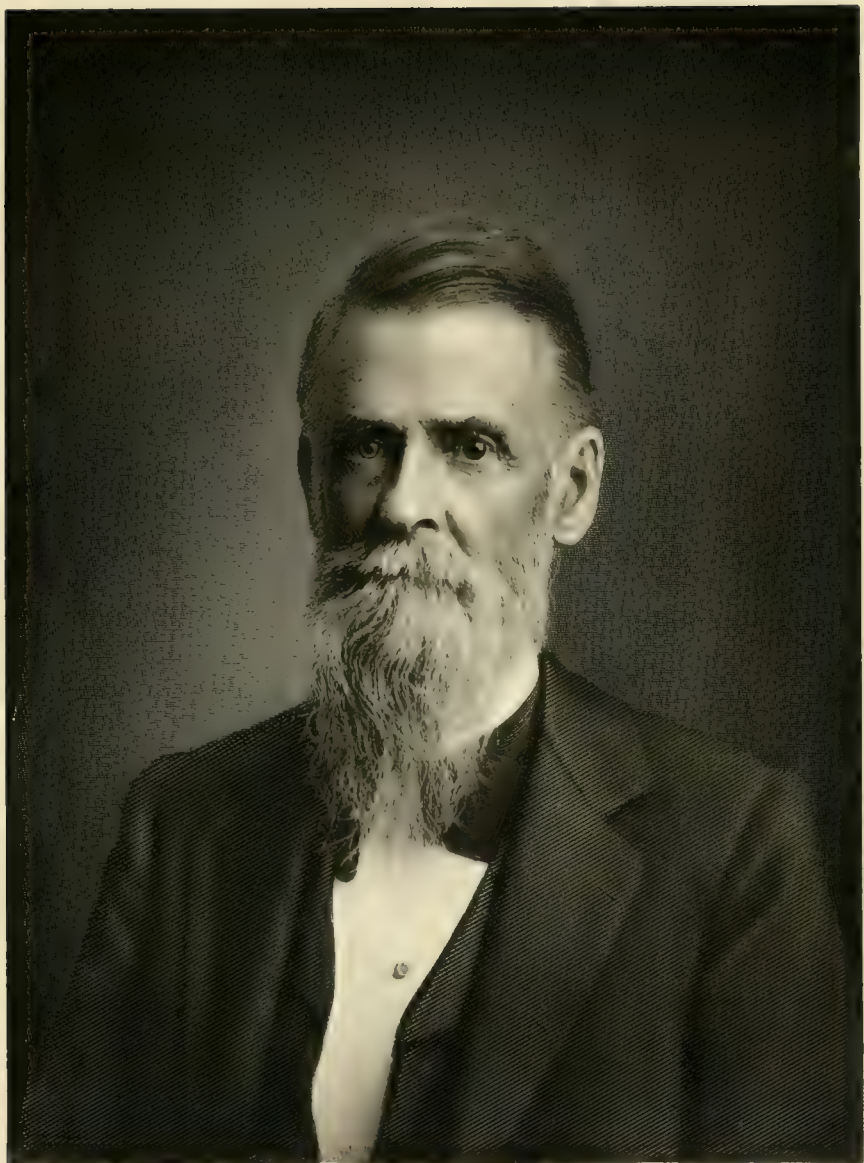
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#### ERASTUS SNOW.

Although nearly a decade has elapsed since the demise of Erastus Snow his personality was too strongly impressed upon the community where he had resided for so many years for him to be readily forgotten. A man of rare ability and possessing a high sense of public duty he is remembered as an agriculturist, financier and legislator, but probably best as the citizen who was always willing to contribute both his time and money to forward any movement for the general good of the community. Of Puritan extraction, the early principles fostered in a New England home remained with him throughout life.

His birth occurred in Winchester, New Hampshire, on the 19th of September, 1819. He was reared in the paternal home to the age of twelve years, acquiring his education in the common schools of his native town. One evening after he had passed his thirteenth birthday he was reading the paper by the firelight when his eye was caught by an advertisement which read, "Wanted, a boy in a printing office. Apply here." Being an ambitious lad, he was most anxious to begin his business career and so applied to his father for permission to take the position.





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Ten minutes later Mr. Snow placed within his pocket a note for fifty dollars, bearing the signature of little Erastus, remarking as he did so that he would always have something coming to him. The mother, however, thought better of her son than that and replied, "That note will be paid." It was to this early confidence reposed in him by his mother that Erastus Snow attributed much of his success in after life. At times when everything looked hopeless and he was ready to give up or was sorely tempted to compromise with right he would remember his mother, and her belief in him gave him renewed courage and enabled him to conquer conditions rather than to permit them to conquer him.

The note, which he had given his father, was to compensate the parent for the lad's time and services up to the time he had attained his majority, which at that period was deemed to be the right of every parent. At the expiration of three years it was cancelled, in confirmation of his mother's trust, although the lad had only received fifty dollars for his first year's service, which sum was doubled the second and tripled the third year. Before he had attained his majority he had lifted the mortgage from the old homestead, thus relieving from anxiety the latter days of his parents. Mr. Snow did not follow his trade for many years, simply using it as a stepping stone to something higher. Returning to his old home he worked in the bank for a while but believing that the west afforded better opportunities for men of limited means he removed to Iowa. Upon his arrival here he first located in Davenport, where he resided for two years, and then removed to Poweshiek county, buying some land east of Grinnell, in the cultivation of which he was engaged when elected president of the First National Bank, following which he came to town to live. He served most efficiently in various public capacities during the long period of his residence here, having been elected to both branches of the legislature as well as to the board of supervisors. The latter office he held at the time when the matter of railroad bonds was being so strongly agitated in the county, but probably his most notable service was in assisting the school district to cancel its early indebtedness. After leaving the First National Bank, of which he was the first president, he became connected with the Grinnell Savings Bank, subsequently assuming the management of the Granger store for a number of years, while he was also identified with the Farmers Mutual Insurance Company. During the latter years of his life he withdrew from all public activities and returned to his farm, where he resided until December, 1893, although he rented the land. He then removed to Grinnell, where he was living at the time of his demise on the 1st of March, 1902.

On the 17th of October, 1887, Mr. Snow was united in marriage in Boston, Massachusetts, to Mrs. Harriett E. (Haskell) Waterhouse, whose husband had been killed in the first battle of Bull Run. He was a member of Company C, First Minnesota Volunteer Infantry. Mr. and Mrs. Waterhouse were living in Minnesota when the war opened but after the death of her husband she returned to the east, settling in Boston. She was a daughter of Thomas and Hannah (Johnson) Haskell, natives of Maine, in which state the father, who was a strong abolitionist, engaged in agricultural pursuits until his demise in 1852. His wife survived until 1872. Three children were born unto Mr. Snow by a former marriage but the daughter passed away when she was twenty-four years of age, and the two sons are also deceased.

His political allegiance Mr. Snow ever accorded the men and measures of the republican party, believing its principles were best adapted to protect the interests of the general public, but he favored free silver. He early adopted for his motto the old adage "Be sure you are right then go ahead," which became the governing principle of his life.

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### JOHN E. DEMPSTER.

John E. Dempster, who owns a farm of three hundred and twenty acres of good land in Chester township, Poweshiek county, and is now living retired, has made his home in Iowa for fifty-two years and is well acquainted with the resources of the state and the history of its development since the Civil War.

He is a native of Morgan county, Ohio, born January 3, 1837, and is a son of Thomas and Phebe (Lane) Dempster, the former born on the eastern shore of Maryland and the latter in Dutchess county, New York. The ancestors upon both sides of the house fought in the Revolutionary war, the Crafts, who belonged to the maternal branch, being driven from the ground where the battle of White Plains, New York, was fought. The paternal grandfather moved with his family in the early part of the nineteenth century to Morgan county, and there passed the remainder of his days. Thomas Dempster came to Iowa with his family early in the '60s and settled in Scott county, near Davenport, on a farm of one hundred and twenty acres. He was successful in his business and acquired two hundred and eighty acres. He died in this state and is buried at Vail in Crawford county.

John E. Dempster, of this review, was the second in a family of seven sons. He attended the district schools and worked on his father's farm, coming to Scott county, Iowa, March 5, 1859, his eldest brother having preceded him to this state. He applied himself industriously to agriculture and stock-raising and became one of the well known and popular citizens of Scott county. He was commissioned captain of the militia September 17, 1864, and served in that office until the close of the war. He taught school several terms in his early manhood and also purchased an interest in a threshing outfit, with which he was connected for several years. In June, 1868, he bought a farm of one hundred and twenty acres and as the years advanced his prosperity increased until he became the owner of two hundred and eighty acres of good land in Scott county. Since 1900 he has lived in Poweshiek county, where he owns three hundred and twenty acres, which are cultivated by his sons, as he retired from active work several years ago.

In 1868 Mr. Dempster was married to Miss Esther E. Burch, a daughter of Ira and Catherine (Deyo) Burch, and to this union three children were born, two daughters and one son: Emma E., who married E. W. Fisher, a farmer of Chester township, and has three daughters, Esther E., Ruth M. and Dorothy E.; Mary J., the wife of W. W. Sherman, of Ottertail county, Minnesota, and the mother of three children, Harold W., Edith M. and Bernice; and John J., now living upon his own farm, who is married and has two sons, J. Gaylord



and Keith G. The mother of these children died December 24, 1873, and Mr. Dempster was again married in 1875, his second union being with Miss Josephine Fitzsimmons, a daughter of Felix Fitzsimmons, a contractor of New York state. Three children were born of this union, two sons and one daughter: Alden H., who married Oral J. Neely and has two children, Gertrude J. and Mildred L.; Edna A., who lives at home; and Roscoe, also living at home.

In politics Mr. Dempster gives his allegiance to the republican party and for many years was one of the active workers for its success. He served as secretary of the independent school district of Linn Grove from 1868 to 1890, a record which probably has never been surpassed in Iowa. He also filled the office of township clerk for three terms. In 1897 he was elected a member of the state legislature from Scott county, filling the position with an ability that reflected upon him the highest credit. He also served in charge of the United States census of 1890 for Scott county. He displayed an interest and efficiency in all his official duties which met the hearty approval of the people, his constant aim being to promote the public good. Successful as a business man and farmer he now enjoys a rest, which he richly earned, and also possesses the confidence and esteem of all who know him.

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#### WILLIAM F. VOGT.

Starting out for himself as a young man with the laudable ambition to win for himself an honorable place in the world, William F. Vogt has succeeded, perhaps, even beyond the brightest expectations of his earliest years, and today he is living retired on a beautiful farm in Poweshiek county, while his sons are carrying forward the work which he began. He is a native of Scott county, Iowa, and was born June 9, 1848, a son of John C. and Catherine (Graff) Vogt, both of whom were born in Holstein, Germany. They were married in the old country and came to America in 1847, locating on a farm in Scott county, Iowa, where Mr. Vogt established his home.

Educated in the district schools William F. Vogt grew up under the friendly shelter of the parental home and was early made acquainted with the many details of agriculture and stock-raising. Even as a boy he showed special adaptability to agricultural pursuits, and as he grew to manhood it became evident that he was destined to become a successful farmer. He continued at home until after he had reached the age of manhood and then began farming on his own account in his native county. In 1883 he came to Poweshiek county and for twenty-two years applied himself to farming and stockraising with most gratifying results. In 1905 he moved to Grinnell, and after living for three years in the city returned to the country and took up his residence on a farm which he had acquired adjoining his old homestead. Here, surrounded by every comfort that can be desired, he is enjoying the fruits of many years of labor. He is an extensive landowner, being the possessor of one thousand and nine acres in Poweshiek county, and also of land in Jasper county and three hundred and twenty acres in Minnesota. In addition to his agricultural interests

he is vice president of the Citizens Bank of Grinnell, of which he was one of the founders. He is also a member of the board of directors of the Brick & Tile Company of Grinnell, and is a man whose judgment in business affairs is greatly respected wherever he is known.

On the 13th day of March, 1875, Mr. Vogt was united in marriage to Miss Wilhelmina Brockman, a daughter of C. H. and Anna (Sindt) Brockman, both of whom were born in Germany. The family came to America and located in Scott county, Iowa, where the father engaged in farming. He passed away in 1898, but the mother is still living on the old homestead with her son. Ten children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Vogt, namely: C. J., who married Sadie Evans, of Grinnell township and now lives on the home farm; Harry C., also on the home farm; Walter E. and Otis B., both of whom are on the home farm; Clarence, who is now a student in the common schools; Grover Cleveland, who is living with his parents; William McKinley; Anna C.; Julia A., who received a high school education and is now teaching at Montezuma; and Mildred C., at home.

Mr. Vogt and his estimable wife are sincere members of the German Lutheran church and active workers in its behalf. By his ballot he supports the principles and candidates of the republican party, being allied with the progressive element, which believes that the party has within itself the resources and ability to correct the evils of government as they arise. He has always been enterprising and public-spirited and few men have contributed more materially to the welfare of the community. As a result he has a host of friends in Poweshiek county who do not hesitate to declare that William F. Vogt is a model citizen.

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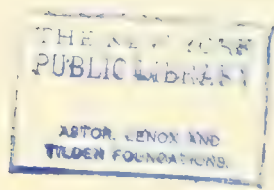
### JACOB SCHULTZ.

The largest and finest home in Malcom township stands as a monument to the energy, industry and determination, successfully directed along agricultural lines, of Jacob Schultz, one of the most prominent and substantial citizens of this locality.

He was born in Bureau county, Illinois, on the 16th of October, 1857, a son of John and Mary (Piel) Schultz, both natives of Prussia, Germany. The father's birth occurred on the 19th of March, 1820, and the mother's on the 2d of February of that year. They were married in the fatherland and came to the United States in 1854, locating first in Bureau county, Illinois. Ten years later they came to Poweshiek county, Iowa, and here cast in their lot with the early settlers of this district. The father, who was a ship contractor in his native country, took up the occupation of farming upon his arrival in the United States and was therein engaged until the time of his demise. The old homestead upon which he located on coming to Malcom township was all unbroken prairie land when it came into his possession, and he and his son were the only white men who have had any part in its cultivation and development. He was unusually successful in his agricultural undertaking and at one time owned one thousand acres of land in Malcom and Sheridan townships which, however, was all dis-



Jacob Schultz





posed of to his children either before or after his demise. He was a staunch democrat in politics and in religious faith was a member of the Lutheran church. He donated a portion of the old homestead as a site for that church and until the end remained one of its loyal and substantial supporters. He was the eldest in a family of eight children, all of whom came to the United States with the exception of a sister. They were as follows: John; Christ, Charles, Gust and Henry, all deceased; Fred, of Grinnell; Henrietta, who married John Ahrens, and is now deceased; and a sister who passed away in Germany.

In the family of John and Mary (Piel) Schultz there were six children, namely: Charles, deceased; Lena, who passed away in childhood; Fredericka, who married Lawrence Liedke, of Malcom; Minnie, the wife of Louis Puls, who is mentioned at length on another page of this volume; Jacob, of this review; and Fred, of Malcom township. The parents of this family are now deceased, the father passing away on the 25th of October, 1884, and the mother on the 11th of April, 1891, their remaining days being spent in the home of our subject.

Spending the first seven years of his life in his native county, Jacob Schultz, whose name introduces this review, accompanied his parents in 1864 on their removal to Poweshiek county, and he has since resided on the homestead farm here which his father purchased at the time of his arrival. His education was acquired in the country schools and he received a thorough practical training in the home fields, early becoming familiar with the tasks that fall to the lot of the country lad. He continued to give his assistance to his father until the latter's death, since which time he has carried on agricultural pursuits independently upon the portion of his father's estate which he inherited. This farm consists of two hundred and eighty-three acres located on the northwest quarter of section 3, Malcom township, and is one of the best equipped and most valuable properties in this section. Here Mr. Schultz has introduced all of the conveniences and accessories of a model farm of the twentieth century and upon it are to be found twelve substantial outbuildings, all topped by good shingle roofs, and all, with the exception of one barn, were erected by him.

In 1910 he built a beautiful thirteen-room residence, thirty-two by sixty feet, with two stories and a basement, frame and finished in hard pine. It is equipped with every modern improvement to be found in a city home, including a lighting, heating and water plant, and is the largest and finest home in Malcom township. Mr. Schultz carries eleven thousand, five hundred dollars insurance on his buildings, and the splendid condition of his farm speaks in no uncertain terms of the substantial degree of success which has come to him. He engages in general farming, but a large portion of his time and attention is devoted to his stock-feeding interests, fattening from eighty to one hundred head of cattle per year and raising from one to two hundred head of hogs yearly. He ships all of his stock to the Chicago market and this branch of his business interests yields large financial returns. He is a stockholder in the Malcom Savings Bank and also in the Malcom Garage Company, and is well known to agricultural circles throughout Poweshiek county as a stockholder in both the Grinnell and Malcom fairs, a director of the Poweshiek County Central Agricultural Association and of the Malcom fair.

Mr. Schultz has been married twice. In the year 1882 he wedded Miss Amelia Baum, who was born in Germany in 1858, and when twenty-four years of age came alone to this country. She passed away on the 24th of May, 1901. Unto this union were born seven children, as follows: Emma, the wife of W. L. Lamb, of Malcom township; Minnie, Alvena and John, all at home; George, who passed away when five years old; and Elmer and May, who are also still under the parental roof. On the 12th of December, 1910, Mr. Schultz was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Deffenbaugh, who was born in Fulton county, Illinois, on the 25th of February, 1869.

Mr. Schultz is a member of the German Lutheran church, the site of which was donated by his father and of which he is a helpful and interested worker and a substantial supporter. He is a republican in politics and has filled various school and road offices, while for the past seven years he has served as township trustee. Probably few men are better known in agricultural circles throughout this district than Mr. Schultz, whose efforts to stimulate the interests of his fellowmen toward progress and advancement along agricultural and stock-raising lines have been far-reaching and beneficial. In his public capacity, too, he has ever sought the good of the community, casting the weight of his influence on the side of advancement along material, political, intellectual and moral lines, and in every relation of life he has been found loyal and public-spirited, his own success never for a moment causing him to forget his duties as a citizen.

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#### FRANCIS W. JOHNSTON.

A farm of one hundred and sixty acres situated on section 27, Scott township, claims the time and attention of Francis W. Johnston, who was born in Rock Island county, Illinois, in September, 1858. His parents, Joseph and Eliza Jane (Johnston) Johnston, were both natives of Ireland, where they were reared and married, and soon after that event in their lives they emigrated to the new world. They first located in Rock Island county, Illinois, where four of their six children were born. In 1868 the father removed with his family to Poweshiek county and here engaged in farming throughout his remaining years. He died at a comparatively early age, passing away when only thirty-five years old, at his home in Jackson township. The mother still survives and now makes her home in Montezuma. Their children were: Francis W., of this review; John, who resides in Jackson township; Mrs. Eliza Smith, deceased; Mrs. Mary Moshier, who has also departed this life; Matilda, the wife of William Rempp, of Montezuma; and Josephine, the wife of Joseph Johnston, also of Montezuma.

Francis W. Johnston was reared, to the age of ten years in Rock Island county, Illinois, and at that age accompanied his parents on their removal to Poweshiek county. He has made farming his life work and is today the owner of a well improved farm consisting of one hundred and sixty acres on section 27, Scott township. He has made many improvements on the place since it came into his possession and now has a valuable farm property, the fields

annually yielding rich and abundant harvests as a reward for the care and labor which he bestows upon them.

Mr. Johnston was married March 9, 1880, to Miss Maggie Hall, who was born in Ireland, October 31, 1858, and was but three years of age when, in 1861, her parents, John and Eliza (McKeever) Hall, emigrated to the United States, while she was a little maiden of nine years at the time the family home was established in Poweshiek county. Her father was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, December 28, 1829, and was married in that country, in 1854, to Miss McKeever. Three daughters were added to the household, Mary Jane, Margaret (now Mrs. Johnston), and Eliza, ere the emigration of the family to the new world. They first located in Rock Island county, Illinois, where three other children were born, these being Susan, Samuel and Rachel. In 1867 Mr. Hall removed with his family to Poweshiek county, Iowa, settling on a farm seven miles northeast of Montezuma, where many years were devoted to general farming. He was reared in the faith of the Episcopal church and died in that faith on the 29th of January, 1910, when more than eighty years of age. His wife died about thirteen years ago.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Johnston has been blessed with five daughters, namely: Eliza, the wife of Joshua Johnston, of Scott township; Mary, who became the wife of James Johnston but departed this life January 4, 1911; Ethel, the wife of Joseph Hutchinson, a resident of Rock Island county, Illinois; and Ella and Maggie, at home.

Mr. Johnston is a staunch supporter of the republican party but is not active as an office seeker. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the United Presbyterian church of Scott township. He is a man whom to know is to respect and honor, for his life is lived in harmony with his professions and his sterling traits of character have won him a host of warm friends.

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### ESTHER B. MACGUGIN.

The value of the local newspaper in the upbuilding of the best interests of any community is universally conceded. The press has not only recorded the history of advancement, but has also ever been the leader in the work of progress and improvement. In molding public opinion the power of the newspaper cannot be estimated but, at all events, its influence is greater than that of any other single agency. Poweshiek county has every reason to be proud of the character of its press, for it has many enterprising and progressive journals, and prominent among these is the Montezuma Republican, one of the oldest newspapers of the county. Esther B. MacGugin, who was in April, 1910, appointed managing editor of this journal, has rightly been accorded a foremost place among the leading newspaper women of Iowa, her native state.

Her birth occurred in Washington, Washington county, on the 23d of August, 1881, and she is the eldest daughter of Robert Lyle and Minnie (Dickson) MacGugin. Her father came to Iowa from Washington county, Pennsylvania, in the year 1875, and for a time was located at Davenport. Being of a me-



chanical turn of mind he accepted a position with the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway Company. His connection with this institution has continued for thirty-seven years, and at present he is one of the oldest men in its employ. Her mother, who attended the public schools of Washington, and later studied in the academy, was engaged in teaching school prior to her marriage. Representatives of the name in Pennsylvania have long been identified with agricultural pursuits, in the conduct of which they have proven uniformly successful. Inheriting a fondness for the free, independent life of the country, they have as a rule become well-to-do farmers,—well improved farms, large families and a competency, with contentment, being characteristic of a large portion of them. A goodly number, however, have sought fortune in other channels, entering the commercial field and the various professions, in which they have attained success and prosperity. Among the distant relatives of our subject is numbered Hon. Joseph R. Reed, who for many years served on the supreme court bench of Iowa.

Esther B. MacGugin was reared in the town of her nativity, and at the usual age was sent as a student to the public school. Upon completing the course therein taught she entered Washington high school, from which she was graduated in 1898, and later received the benefit of a year's work in Parsons College. With a strong literary inclination and a ready aptitude for writing, she turned toward the journalistic field as a life work, and for more than twelve years has been identified with newspaper work, her uninterrupted rise therein in the meantime being rapid and well merited.

She began her career as a correspondent from Valley Junction for a Des Moines paper, was later given a position as reporter on the staff of one of the papers of the capital and subsequently became connected with the Washington (Iowa) Journal. She resigned the latter position, however, to enter the University of California, where she pursued a special course in journalism.

Being thus well equipped for further advancement in her chosen vocation she accepted a position with the Joplin (Missouri) Daily Globe, a large publication in the south, and succeeded Mrs. Baker, one of the best known newspaper women in the United States, who has written for over a quarter of a century under the nom de plume of "Becky Sharp." Miss MacGugin edited the woman's department of this large daily for two years, and also contributed stories to the magazine section.

She also at that time wrote some very original, logical and impressive articles under the pen name of Esther Belle. About four years ago she became identified with the Needham syndicate of newspapers, and since her connection therewith her career has been unusually successful. Her excellent journalistic ability won well merited recognition when, about a year ago, she was appointed to the office of managing editor of the Montezuma Republican, to succeed J. R. Williams. This paper, which belongs to the syndicate, is one of the oldest and best known journals of the locality, and is the oldest republican newspaper in the county. At its best, or at its worst, a newspaper is the expression of the personality of the single individual at its head, and thus the present flourishing condition of the Republican is a logical indication of the rare business acumen and excellent executive ability of its managing



editor. She is also a writer of considerable ability, and in the columns of her paper appear many evidences of her attractive and pleasing style.

Miss MacGugin is a member of the Northern Press syndicate and of the Burrell Newspaper syndicate of New York, and she has contributed largely to various metropolitan papers of Iowa. One paper, the Davenport Democrat and Leader, states of her: "Her experiences have been sufficiently varied to enable her to be among the premiers of journalism."

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### V. S. WILCOX, M. D.

The medical fraternity finds a worthy representative in Dr. V. S. Wilcox, who has made Malcom the scene of his activity throughout his connection with the medical profession. He was born in Homer, Licking county, Ohio, on the 11th of October, 1848, a son of J. P. and Mary (Stark) Wilcox, natives of Luzerne county, Pennsylvania. In the Keystone state the parents were reared and married and at an early day went to Ohio. The mother passed away in Tiskilwa, Bureau county, Illinois, and later the father came to Iowa with his son, Dr. Wilcox. He engaged in merchandising at one time, although the greater part of his life was devoted to farming. His death occurred at Aurora, Nebraska. His family consisted of three children, of whom our subject is the eldest, the others being: Louisa, the wife of Jasper Weimer, of North English, Iowa county, Iowa; and Ella, residing in Aurora, Nebraska.

Dr. Wilcox was but seven years of age when he came with his father to Iowa, locating first in Washington county, and in that and Iowa county he spent the intervening period until twenty-two years of age. At the usual age he became a pupil in the public schools, continuing therein until his graduation from the high school, and for one year pursued a literary course at the Iowa State University. He then became a student in the medical department of that institution, from which he was graduated three years later, in 1874, when the M. D. degree was conferred upon him. Immediately after his graduation he came to Malcom and here he has since continued in the practice of his profession. From the first he was highly successful, impressing all with whom he came in contact with his trustworthy character, his earnestness, zeal and scrupulous regard for the ethics of his profession. He is skilful in diagnosis, sure in prescription, thoughtful and tactful in attendance, and prompt and efficacious in emergency. Aside from a large practice, which is distinctively representative and lucrative, he is the owner of a fine farm of two hundred and forty acres a mile from town, which returns him a most substantial annual income.

In 1871 Dr. Wilcox was united in marriage to Miss Josephine Hamilton, who was born in Tiffin, Johnson county, Iowa, in July, 1851, a daughter of Hezekiah Hamilton. Unto Dr. and Mrs. Wilcox have been born three children, as follows: Delano, a graduate of the literary department of the Iowa State University, also of Rush Medical College of Chicago, and who is now practicing medicine in connection with his father; Mabel F., the wife of Oscar Bowers,

of Malcom; and Nellie G., who married Henry Wickman, now operating Dr. Wilcox's farm in Malcom township.

Dr. Wilcox's professional relations are with the Poweshiek County Medical Society and the Iowa State Medical Society. Fraternally he is a Royal Arch Mason and also belongs to Oriental Commandery, No. 22, K. T., of Newton, while he is likewise a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party, and was a member of the board of education for thirty years, during which time he served on the building committee of the Malcom high school. For a period of thirty-seven years Dr. Wilcox has practiced continuously in Malcom—a period characterized by self-sacrifice and kindly ministrations to others—and during that time he has become the loved family physician in many households. He has ever had the interest of the community deeply at heart and few deserve a more prominent position among the town's most representative and valued citizens.

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### C. WILLIAM PEARCE.

A member of a well known family of Poweshiek county, C. William Pearce is now living retired at Grinnell, having reached the age of seventy-two years. He has been a resident of this county for sixty-three years and ranks among the pioneers of a section that is now one of the most productive and prosperous parts of the state. He was born in Bartholomew county, Indiana, November 22, 1839, and is a son of Peter S. and Margaret (Prosser) Pearce, the father being a native of Ohio and the mother of Pennsylvania. Peter S. Pearce, who was a carpenter and builder by trade, removed from Ohio to Indiana in 1836 and seven years later took up his residence in Illinois. In 1848 he came to Poweshiek county and settled on government land in Grinnell township, where he established the family on a farm of two hundred acres, which he developed from its wild state until it became a valuable property. He was a man of influence and responsibility, whose name was accepted as a synonym for industry and integrity. In politics he adhered to the democratic party and was elected justice of the peace an office which he filled with marked ability for a number of years. Fraternally he was connected with Herman Lodge, No. 273, A. F. & A. M., of Grinnell. He was called to his reward while still residing on the old homestead in 1877, his wife having died ten years earlier. On the maternal side the family record has been traced back for over one hundred years, our subject's grandfather Prosser having served in the war of 1812.

C. William Pearce has been a resident of Iowa since he was nine years of age. He has devoted his life to agricultural pursuits and remained on the home farm until 1901, since which time he has been an honored resident of Grinnell. He still owns two hundred and fourteen acres of land in Grinnell township and his residence in the city. He was married in January, 1864, to Miss Matilda G. Brown, who was born in Somersetshire, England, October 23, 1828, and was a daughter of John and Maria (Grant) Brown. She came with her parents to America in 1850, the family living for several years in Wisconsin. In 1854 they



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arrived in Poweshiek county, six months after the first settlement was made at Grinnell. After a happy married life of more than forty years Mrs. Pearce died at Grinnell in 1907. She was a woman of many admirable traits of mind and heart and a consistent member of the Congregational church. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Pearce were the following children: George G., who is now married and lives in Washington township; Frank H., who is also married and lives in Grinnell township; Nellie M., who married James R. Rutherford, a farmer of Idaho; Seth J., who is married and lives in Grinnell township; and Mary C., who married J. R. Nicholl and lives in Jasper county.

Mr. Pearce set a worthy example for his children and today they are useful and honorable members of society, each performing his or her work in the promotion of the general welfare. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party and while he has not sought public office he has ever been a consistent advocate of honest government administered in accordance with practical business principles. The excellent qualities he has manifested as a citizen, as a business man and in private life fully entitle him to the respect in which he is universally held.

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### S. W. GRAY.

In his early boyhood S. W. Gray came with his parents to Poweshiek county and ever since that time he has been a resident of this county. He is now a prosperous farmer of Washington township who, by his upright character, well applied industry and sound business judgment, has gained the respect of the entire community.

He is a native of Davenport, Iowa, and was born October 8, 1870, a son of Herman C. and Almeda (Booth) Gray. The father was born in Holmes county, Ohio, May 30, 1822, and the mother in one of the eastern states. They were married at Valparaiso, Indiana. At the time of the Civil War Mr. Gray served faithfully in behalf of the Union. He was discharged at Davenport, following which he engaged in teaming for a number of years. In the spring of 1877 he came with his family to Poweshiek county and purchased the farm upon which his son, S. W., now lives. He died April 10, 1902, having previously retired from active labors. The mother is now living at Grinnell. Mr. Gray was a man of exceptional character, who exercised a good influence upon all with whom he came in contact. Politically he was an ardent supporter of the republican party. He took an active part in politics and served as township trustee and also as school director. In religious belief he adhered to the Methodist church and for a number of years filled very acceptably the offices of trustee and steward in the church. There were eight children in the family and Mr. and Mrs. Herman C. Gray, namely; Josie, who is deceased; Ella, the wife of Tilman Vestal, of Lynnville, Iowa; Herbert, who lives at Grinnell; Carrie, also deceased; Alfred and Ida, twins, the former now living in Montana and the later with her mother; S. W., our subject; and Bert, who lives in Salt Lake City, Utah.

S. W. Gray arrived in Poweshiek county with his parents when he was seven years of age and received his education in the public schools of Washington township. He assisted his father upon the home farm until attaining his majority, when he rented a farm for two years on his own account. He then purchased eighty acres in Washington township, which he cultivated to good advantage for five years and then disposed of, buying the old homestead of two hundred acres upon which he is now well established. He is a general farmer and stock-raiser, paying special attention to the raising of horses and cattle, for which he has a rare aptitude.

On the 25th of June, 1893, Mr. Gray was married at Searsboro, to Miss Clara Spillman, a daughter of J. A. and Sarah (Vestal) Spillman, of Washington township. Mrs. Gray was born in Washington township, September 15, 1870. Her parents are both natives of North Carolina. The father settled in Poweshiek county about fifty years ago and is now living retired. The mother died about 1900. Mr. Spillman has for many years been identified with the Masonic order. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Gray, namely: Grace, who is deceased; and Farrell Ray, Robert and Addie, all of whom are at home.

Mr. Gray has never been a seeker after political office, but casts his vote for the republican party believing that its principles are highly important in advancing the permanent welfare of the state and nation. Fraternally he is connected with the Odd Fellows, his membership being in the lodge at Searsboro. He has many friends in the order and also among men who are not identified with any fraternal organization. Genial in manner and pleasing in address, he easily makes his way wherever he desires to be known, and he enjoys the good will of all with whom he comes into contact.

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### FREDERICK WILLIAM MORRISON.

Although thirty-five years have passed since Frederick William Morrison was called to his final rest, he is still remembered by many of Grinnell's older residents as one of the most prominent and respected early settlers of the town. As the founder of what is now the Morrison & Ricker Manufacturing Company, one of the principal industrial enterprises of Iowa, the record of his life well merits a place in a volume of this character.

His birth occurred in Bath, New Hampshire, on the 20th of July, 1813, and he was a gentleman of Scotch-Irish lineage. He obtained a good education in the common schools and after putting aside his text-books learned the tanner's trade, working by the side of Mr. Parker, the father of Ira Parker, who later developed the Saranac glove industry in Littleton, New Hampshire, using practically the same process in tanning leather that Mr. Morrison introduced in Iowa. On the 4th of October, 1843, he was united in marriage to Miss Ann Sutherland, a daughter of the Rev. David Sutherland, who was for many years father and so called priest of the Congregational community of Bath, New Hampshire. The wife brought to her new duties all the refinement of a Chris-

tian home and the knowledge gained by varied experience. She had attended Mount Holyoke Seminary as a member of the first class, under Mary Lyon, subsequently followed the profession of teaching in Littleton, New Hampshire, and later went to Plymouth, that state, where she learned to make gloves. Mr. and Mrs. Morrison began their domestic life in Bath, where five children were born unto them—three sons and two daughters. Two of the number reached mature age, Mary and David.

With the call from J. B. Grinnell for the building of a model colony in Iowa was an advertisement for a tanner, to which Mr. Morrison responded, bringing his family west in the fall of 1855. After reaching the terminus of the railroad at Rock Island, Illinois, he made his way down the Mississippi river by boat to Muscatine, where he procured a private hack in which to make the journey of one hundred and twenty miles to his new home. A number of the residents of his native town had preceded him and here he found friends and kindred, spending the winter in the home of David Sutherland, a brother of Mrs. Morrison. In the spring of 1856 Mr. Morrison erected a small house at the corner of Sixth avenue and State street, which corner is marked by tall cottonwood trees on the college campus, the house having been moved to make room for the circular drive on the south. Not having capital sufficient to build a tannery, Mr. Morrison began tanning in the open and put in vats north of the mill pond, the mill being located on the corner of Fifth avenue and State street. Here was begun the work which led to the development of the Grinnell glove industry. Like all tanners of his day, Mr. Morrison was both a tanner and currier and undertook to tan and finish anything from glove leather to sole leather. His first desire was to establish a horse collar shop and considerable work was done in this line. Gradually, however, he turned his attention toward glove-making. Deer were still numerous in Iowa and Grinnell soon became a market for them. The tanning process was a sore trial in the early days, as the oak bark was found unsuitable and shumac and smartweed proved to be of little value. Finally a small shipment of gambier, an imported article, was received and Mr. Morrison developed a combination process which is still used in the tannery. No salesmen were employed for a number of years but the stage drivers made a good substitute as they learned the value of the Grinnell gloves. Orders began to come in from adjoining towns and annually increased in number. In 1859 a tannery was erected west of Grinnell and prior to the completion of the railroad in 1863 large shipments were sent to Newton, Des Moines and points farther west. Mr. Morrison lived to see but the beginning of the industry, though at the time of his demise it had outgrown the kitchen and the home and occupied half of the Deacon Whitcom harness shop on Fourth avenue. The glove sales of 1876 amounted to nine thousand dollars. Though he passed away when the enterprise was practically still in its infancy, he established a reputation for integrity in all his dealings with his fellowmen that is more to be desired than great riches.

Mr. Morrison was a modest, retiring gentleman, faithful in attendance at church services but not an active participant. He was an interesting conversationalist and his friends found him a congenial companion whose never-failing supply of stories showed a rare appreciation of the best kind of humor. He was



not strong physically but no man in the community was more faithful or persistent in his attention to all the requirements of his business. His word was as good as his bond and his demise, which occurred on the 16th of August, 1876, was the occasion of deep and widespread regret, for his life had been at all times unselfish, upright and honorable.

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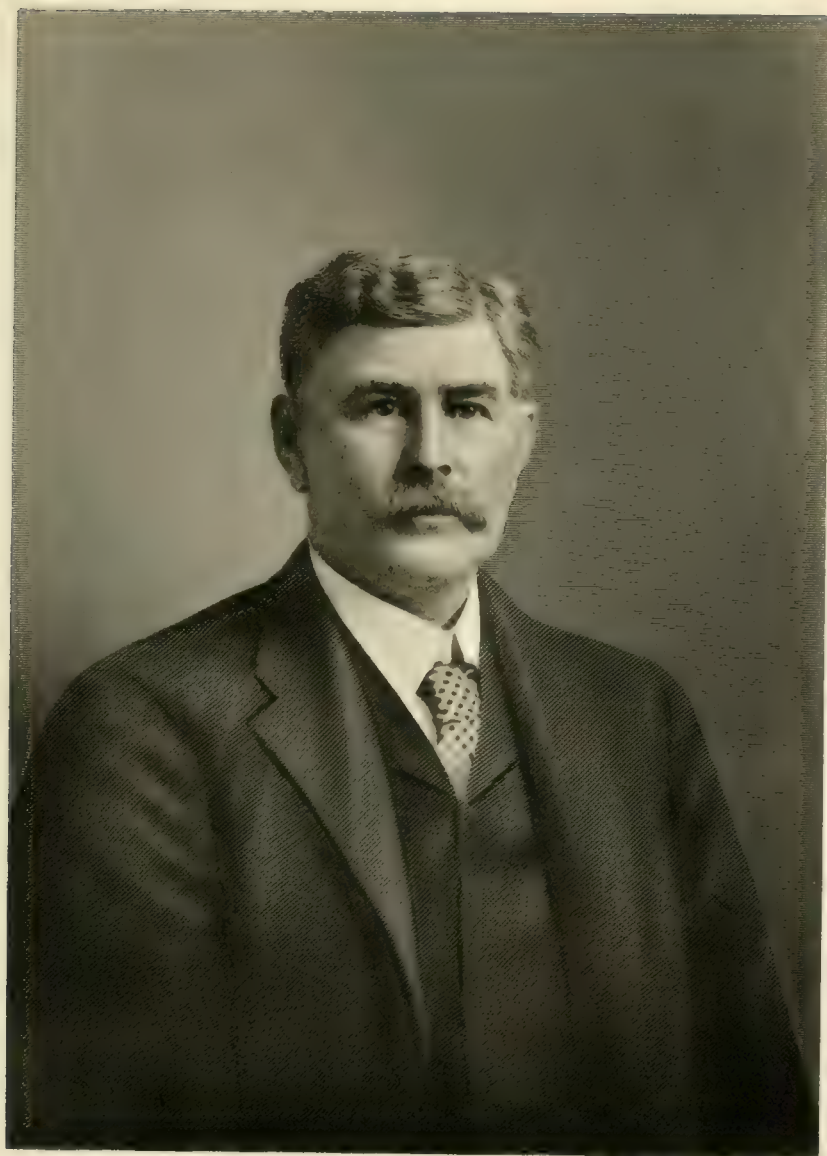
#### CHARLES H. ONTHANK.

Among the worthy citizens of Poweshiek county who have passed to their reward, leaving behind them memories of useful labors and kindly acts that cannot be forgotten by the present generation, should be named Charles H. Onthank. He was born in New York, June 13, 1860, and departed this life December 21, 1908, being then in his forty-eighth year. His parents were George H. and Isabella (Woods) Onthank, both of whom were natives of New York state. At the time of the Civil war the father enlisted in an Illinois regiment and served as a musician until the close of the Rebellion. He acquitted himself so creditably that he was placed in charge of a hospital in Tennessee after the war was over and having discharged this duty came to Iowa with his family in 1869 and for several years worked at the blacksmith's trade at Grinnell. Later he became connected with the Iowa Central Railroad at Grinnell as baggage agent and was also employed in the postoffice at Grinnell. He died June 6, 1908, but his wife is still living at Grinnell. Politically he gave his support to the republican party and fraternally was a valued member of the Masonic order and the Grand Army of the Republic. In religious faith he adhered to the Baptist church in which he took a great interest, serving for a number of years as deacon. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Onthank: Charles H.; and Martha, the wife of George L. Brown, of Grinnell.

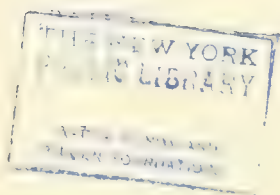
Charles H. Onthank came to Grinnell with his father at the age of ten years and received his early education in the public schools. After reaching manhood he went to South Dakota and took up government land, but after spending three years in that state he returned to Grinnell and worked in the freight house of the Iowa Central Railroad Company. About 1891 he purchased fifty-five acres of land in Grinnell township, later acquiring fifty acres additional. After cultivating his farm for a while he sold it and purchased two hundred acres in Washington township, which he improved, greatly adding to its value. This place he also sold and in December, 1899, bought a farm of two hundred and thirty acres, which is still in possession of the family. He made a specialty of raising hogs and cattle for the market and became known as one of the prosperous and progressive men of the community.

On the 21st of August, 1889, Mr. Onthank was married to Miss Viola Robinson, who was born July 7, 1870, in McDonough county, Illinois, and is a daughter of Robert and Mary Jane (Holden) Robinson. The father was born near Louisville, Kentucky, October 8, 1841, and the mother near Cincinnati, Ohio, July 10, 1848. He engaged in farming in Kentucky and later in McDonough county, Illinois. In the fall of 1872 he came with his family to Poweshiek county and pur-





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chased a farm of eighty acres in Grinnell township. He sold his farm in 1893 and retired with his wife to Grinnell, where he passed away May 30, 1901. His wife died August 2, 1908. They were both consistent members of the Baptist church. In politics he was a supporter of the republican party and being an earnest friend of education served very acceptably as a member of the school board in Grinnell township. Eight children constituted the family of Mr. and Mrs. Onthank: Florence, who was born October 29, 1891, and is now the wife of William Van Wyk, of Lynnville, Iowa; Lillian M., born July 20, 1893, who married Charles P. Kimball and is now living on the old homestead; Charles H. R., born May 26, 1895; Grace Isabelle, born April 1, 1897; Alma Viola, born February 11, 1899; Edward W., born June 26, 1901; Paul L., born June 17, 1903; and George W., born October 26, 1906.

Mr. Onthank was a firm believer in the Christian religion and a sincere member of the Baptist church, as is his widow. In politics he gave his support to the republican party and served for two terms as school director. Fraternally he was identified with the Odd Fellows and he had many friends in the order and also in Poweshiek county. Mrs. Onthank continues to reside on the old homestead and receives from her children and from all who know her the love and respect which is due to unquestioned worth.

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#### WILLIAM F. SCHMIDT.

William F. Schmidt, an enterprising and energetic agriculturist of Poweshiek county, owns a well improved tract of land, comprising one hundred and twenty acres in Washington township, and devotes his attention to both farming and stock-raising. His birth occurred in that township on the 18th of May, 1864, his parents being Peter and Eliza (Sanders) Schmidt, who are mentioned at greater length in another part of this work. Unto them were born ten children, as follows: William F., of this review; Sarah, the wife of Harmon Suller, of Washington township; Samuel, who is a resident of Jasper county, Iowa; Henry J., living in Washington township, and who is represented elsewhere in this volume; Elizabeth, the wife of Guy Ford, who makes her home in Canada; Peter and Francis, both at home; Frank, who is deceased; Mary, the wife of William Whalen, of Mahaska county, Iowa; and Rose, the wife of August Gregor, of Bismarck, North Dakota.

William F. Schmidt obtained his education in the schools of his native township. Upon leaving school he assisted in the operation of the home farm for several years. He also worked at well driving and tile laying for a time. In 1899 he purchased his present farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Washington township, draining the land and otherwise improving the property. In addition to cultivating the crops best adapted to soil and climate he also devotes considerable attention to the raising of stock, having met with a gratifying measure of success in both branches of his business.

On the 28th of December, 1898, Mr. Schmidt was united in marriage to Miss Amelia Mader, a daughter of John and Anna Marie (Bausch) Mader,

both of whom were natives of Baden, Germany, the former born in September, 1832, and the latter on the 28th of September, 1833. Their marriage was celebrated in the fatherland. John Mader, who was a farmer by occupation, emigrated to the United States in 1882, locating in Moline, Illinois, where he labored in the mills and also in the plow works. His demise occurred on the 5th of December, 1892, while his wife was called to her final rest on the 29th of December, 1898, both passing away in the faith of the Catholic church. Their children were seven in number, namely: Anton, who is a resident of Germany; Barbara, who is the wife of Max Hauger and also resides in Germany; Joseph, living in the state of Washington; Engelbert, of Colfax, Washington; Mrs. Christian Kill, deceased, of Moline, Illinois; Mrs. Schmidt, who was born in Baden, Germany, on the 3d of November, 1865, and who accompanied her parents on their emigration to the United States; and Gustav, who is a resident of San Francisco, California. Unto Mr. and Mrs. William F. Schmidt have been born two children: Anna Marie, whose natal day was November 16, 1899; and Joseph Frederick, whose birth occurred on the 19th of March, 1904.

In politics Mr. Schmidt is independent, supporting men and measures rather than party. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Catholic church, of which his wife is also a devoted communicant. He has resided in Poweshiek county from his birth to the present time. That his life has ever been upright and honorable is indicated by the fact that the associates of his boyhood and youth are still numbered among his stanch friends and admirers.

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#### ELBERT W. CLARK, JR.

Elbert W. Clark, Jr., conducting a lumber yard in Grinnell, is accounted one of the leading and progressive business men of the city, and his life record indicates what may be accomplished when determination, energy and laudable ambition constitute the foundation for success. He was born here on the 28th of February, 1880, a son of Dr. Elbert W. Clark, of whom extended mention is made elsewhere in this volume. He was one of the best loved citizens of Grinnell, not alone because of his professional skill in the practice of medicine, but also because of his ready sympathy and his kindly assistance whenever aid was needed.

Under the parental roof Elbert W. Clark, Jr., spent his youthful days, his time being largely given to the acquirement of an education in the public schools, and later in Iowa College of this city, from which he was graduated with the class of 1900, winning the degree of Bachelor of Science. There was no intermediate period between his school days and his entrance into business life, for when he put aside his text-books he at once sought employment and secured a position in the lumber yard of Carney Brothers, with whom he remained a year and a half. Later, in association with E. B. Brande, he purchased a half interest in the business that belonged to W. J. Carney, the senior member of the firm, at which time the style of the business was changed to Carney, Brande & Clark. This was on the 1st of February, 1902. Under this organization the business was conducted



for five years, during which time Mr. Clark, had charge of the yard, and in that capacity learned all of the details of the lumber business. At the end of that time he and J. L. Fellows purchased the interests of Mr. Carney and Mr. Brande and the style of the firm became Clark & Fellows, February 1, 1907. This partnership relation was maintained for two years.

Mr. Clark is today one of the best informed men concerning lumber in this section of the state and he has displayed skill and ability as a manager. On the 1st of February, 1909, he purchased his partner's interest in the business, since which time he has conducted his lumber yard independently. For the past three years he has also operated a branch yard at Vancleve, Iowa, and in Grinnell is known as the president of the Grinnell Planing Mill Company and also as a member of the board of directors of the People's Light & Fuel Company. He possesses that keen insight into business affairs which, for want of a better term, has been called commercial sense. His plans are carefully made and then forcefully executed and what he undertakes he carries forward to successful completion.

On the 20th of April, 1904, Mr. Clark was united in marriage to Miss Ada Valteau, of Grinnell, a daughter of Mrs. Angie Valteau of this city, and they now have one son, E. W. Clark III. In politics Mr. Clark is an earnest republican, but not an office seeker. Fraternally he is connected with Grinnell Lodge, No. 58, I. O. O. F. and with Marshalltown Lodge, No. 312, B. P. O. E. He is a charter member of Poweshiek Club and both he and his wife hold membership in the Congregational church. Having spent his entire life in Grinnell, he is very widely known and the many sterling qualities of character which he has developed has made him a popular citizen as well as a progressive, enterprising and prosperous business man.

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### SAMUEL J. SNIDER.

Samuel J. Snider, who is engaged in general farming in Union township, was born in the township where he is now residing on the 12th of March, 1855, and is the eldest son of the late John and Rachel (Durbin) Snider. The father was a native of Tuscarawas county, Ohio, and the mother of Muskingum county, that state. John Snider, who was a lumberman, came to Poweshiek county as a young man and engaged in farming, continuing to be identified with that vocation until about five years prior to his death, at which time he retired. The mother has also passed away. Unto them were born eight children, five of whom are living, namely: Samuel J., our subject; Morton L., who is residing in Union township; George B. and Martha, both of whom are deceased; Alice, who married Stephen Rivers, also of Union township; Elizabeth, the wife of Grant Johnson, of this township; Cora, who married John W. Rogers, of Bates county, Missouri; and Frank, deceased. The family attended the Christian church, of which the father was for many years an elder, while his political allegiance was accorded the democratic party and he served his township in the capacity of school director.

The boyhood and youth of Samuel J. Snider did not differ save in detail from those of other farmer lads of that period and like circumstances. His time was

divided between the work of the schoolroom and the performance of such tasks as were assigned by parental authority, while for recreation he indulged in the sports in which young people in the more sparsely settled communities usually revel. In the acquirement of his education he attended the district schools in his vicinity, and after laying aside his text-books he assisted his father in the work of the farm. Later he worked by the month as a farm hand, being thus employed until he attained his majority. He subsequently purchased forty-two acres of land and engaged in general farming. Having met with a fair degree of success in his ventures he has since added to his original tract until he now owns one hundred and two acres of land, which is under a good state of cultivation.

Ever since age conferred upon him the right of suffrage Mr. Snider has given his political support to the candidates of the democratic party, while his religious views are manifested through his affiliation with the Christian church, of which he was formerly a deacon. He has always led a quiet, unobtrusive life but is known to be a kind neighbor and loyal friend.

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### WILLIAM J. ELWOOD.

Of honest and resolute Irish parentage, William J. Elwood, of Sheridan township, was endowed at birth with those qualities of grit and perseverance which generally lead to the accomplishment of worthy objects. He is a native son of Iowa and was born in Tama county, March 27, 1873, his parents being James and Anna (Jackson) Elwood. The father was born in Ireland and came to America early in the '50s, locating in Tama county, Iowa. The mother was married to Mr. Elwood at Dunlap, Iowa.

William J. Elwood was reared in his father's home and early engaged in railroad construction in Tama county. In 1896 he came to Poweshiek county and engaged in farming, later renting land until the fall of 1910, when he purchased two hundred acres on section 24 of Sheridan township, where he established his home. His place is under excellent cultivation and is well watered and drained, there being no waste land on the farm. He engages in general farming and also fattens stock for the market. His wife is interested in the raising of full-blooded Plymouth Rock chickens.

On the 15th of February, 1898, Mr. Elwood was married to Miss Kate Mulligan, a daughter of Michael and Anna (Martin) Mulligan, who came from County Louth, Ireland, to America after their marriage in the early part of the '50s. They located on a farm of two hundred acres in Sheridan township, Poweshiek county, and, in 1895, Mr. Mulligan purchased eighty acres additional in Chester township. In 1904 he moved to Tama, where he still lives. Mrs. Mulligan died about 1886 at the old homestead in Sheridan township. Mr. and Mrs. Elwood are the parents of one child, Anna Arlene. She was born March 31, 1902, and is now attending the Hickory Grove district school.

Mr. Elwood and his family are sincere members of the Roman Catholic church of Tama. He gives his support politically to the democratic party and is a great admirer of William Jennings Bryan, considering him one of the brightest politi-

cal leaders that America has ever known. As a good friend of education Mr. Elwood has served very acceptably as member of the school board of District No. 8, Sheridan township. He is interested in all movements for the promotion of the permanent welfare of the county and is at the present time a member of the board of directors of the Sheridan Creamery Company. Although in actual ownership of his farm but comparatively a short time, he has demonstrated his ability as an agriculturist, and his place promises to become one of the highly productive properties of this part of the county. His success is well deserved, as it is the result of years of well directed labor.

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### WILLIAM ASBURY TAYLOR.

William Asbury Taylor, who owns the Searsboro Telephone Company, was born in Yadkin county, North Carolina, on the 29th of March, 1852. He is a son of Mathew and Mary (Michaels) Taylor, also natives of North Carolina. The father, who was a farmer, came to Poweshiek county in 1855, locating in Union township, where he purchased a farm. When the call came for men in 1862 he enlisted in Company C, Twenty-eighth Iowa Volunteer Infantry and went to the front, where he remained for three years, receiving his discharge at Atlanta, Georgia, in 1865. His political support Mr. Taylor always gave to the men and measures of the republican party, while he kept in touch with his comrades of the field through the medium of his connection with the G. A. R. In matters religious both he and Mrs. Taylor manifested their views through their affiliation with the Methodist Episcopal church. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Taylor was born nine children, as follows: William Asbury, our subject; Nancy, the widow of J. A. Kline, of Washington township; Sarah, the wife of N. W. Pierce, of Blue Point, Washington township; John, who is deceased; Dorcas; Frank, deceased; Finley, who is a resident of Grinnell; and Ella, the wife of Ira C. Beeler, also a resident of Washington township, and one who died in infancy, being the sixth child in order of birth.

After the completion of his preliminary education, which was acquired in the common schools, William Asbury Taylor studied for a time at Iowa College, Grinnell, Iowa, following which he taught school for a few years. Deciding at the end of that period that he preferred farming he went to Washington township where he engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1881. For two years thereafter he conducted a general merchandise business in Searsboro, but in 1883 he returned to farming. In 1908 he bought the Searsboro Telephone Company, with which he continues to be successfully identified. They have over two hundred and twenty subscribers on the line and their business is constantly increasing.

Mr. Taylor was united in marriage on the 17th of October, 1872, to Miss Minnie Reed, a daughter of Charles and Malvina (Wood) Reed of Mahaska county, Iowa. The father was a native of England and the mother of New York state, where they were married. Mr. Reed emigrated to the United States in his early manhood, locating in the state of New York where he en-



gaged in contracting. In 1855 together with his wife and family he came to Poweshiek county, continuing to follow his trade, and he also worked in the mines in the vicinity of New Sharon, Iowa. He served for three or four years in the Tenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War, being honorably discharged. In politics he was a republican and both he and his wife affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mrs. Taylor is a native of the state of New York, her birth having occurred there on the 11th of May, 1854. Ten children have been born of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, the order of their birth being as follows: Frankie, who is deceased; May, the wife of J. W. Playle, residing in the vicinity of Montezuma; Nina, the deceased wife of Frank Morrison; Charles, who lives in Pleasant township; Fred, a resident of Washington township; Clara, the wife of R. D. Ready, of Hayes county, Nebraska; John, who is living in the same place; and Frank, Henry and Pearl, all of whom are at home.

In religious matters the views of the family coincide with those of the Methodist Episcopal denomination, the parents being affiliated with the church at Blue Point, and fraternally Mr. Taylor is a member of the Masonic order. He casts his ballot for the candidates of the republican party and served for several terms as school trustee, township clerk and assessor, while for eighteen years he was secretary of the township school board. He is one of the public-spirited and progressive citizens, as well as capable business men of Searsboro, where he is widely known and highly regarded.

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#### WILLIAM STEELE SANDERS.

Among the esteemed citizens of Grinnell township is William Steele Sanders, the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of land and a man whose sterling traits of character have gained for him the highest respect and confidence. He is a native son of Iowa, born at Grinnell, January 30, 1873, his parents being George Lucius and Mary (Steele) Sanders. The father was a native of New Ipswich, New Hampshire, and the mother of Arcade, New York. They were married at Arcade in 1870 but had both lived at Grinnell, having come to Iowa in 1863. Mr. Sanders was for a number of years proprietor of the Sanders House and later engaged in farming. He subsequently moved to Modesto, California. Politically he gave his allegiance to the republican party and in religious belief was affiliated with the Congregational church.

The mother of our subject was a daughter of Alonzo and Ann D. (Tracy) Steele. Her father was born near Arcade, New York, August 15, 1816, and became a student at Oberlin College, where he met Miss Ann D. Tracy, who was also a student there, and their acquaintance led to their marriage. He engaged in the woolen business at Arcade, New York, and in 1863 came to Poweshiek county, Iowa, where Professor Parker had invested in land for him, buying it at ten dollars per acre. This land became the family homestead. Mr. Steele engaged in the lumber business at Grinnell and later in the sale of agricultural implements, this business developing into a large hardware store, which was con-





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ducted under the name of Craver, Steele & Austin. The company continued for twenty-five years at Grinnell and then moved to Harvey, Illinois, where they met with reverses and the business was abandoned. Mr. Steele was an earnest member of the Congregational church and a liberal contributor toward all Christian enterprises. Originally he was identified with the whig party but he became a republican and continued as a supporter of the republican party during the remainder of his days. He was an active worker in politics but never sought the honors or emoluments of office. His wife was a woman of a remarkably bright mind, a sincere Christian and a true philanthropist. Her home was noted as a center of hospitality and kindliness. She passed away in 1853. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Steele were three children: Mary, who married George Lucius Sanders; Louise, who is deceased; and Myra, also deceased. A professorship in mathematics at Grinnell College was established by Mr. Steele as a memorial to his daughter Myra.

William Steele Sanders received his early education in the public schools of Grinnell and later entered Grinnell College, from which he was graduated in 1895 with the degree of B. S. He was attracted to agricultural pursuits and has devoted his attention to farming, being now the owner of one of the most desirable farms of Grinnell township. It comprises one hundred and sixty acres of the land which was acquired by his grandfather nearly fifty years ago and one hundred and sixty acres which he purchased as a result of his own well directed labors. In connection with the cultivation of the soil he raises and feeds stock and, as he is both scientific and practical in his methods, the results are very satisfactory.

In January, 1899, Mr. Sanders was united in marriage to Miss Della Andrews, a native of Ladora, Iowa, and a daughter of Daniel Andrews, who was a resident of Grinnell for several years and is now living in California. Three children have come to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Sanders: Lyman A., Robert R. and Mary Elizabeth.

Mr. Sanders politically is allied with the republican party and in religious belief he adheres to the Congregational church. He has spent his entire life in Poweshiek county and through his business ability and spirit of progressiveness he has gained a host of friends. He is a representative of the younger generation of farmers, who possess advantages of training unknown to their fathers and occupy advanced lines in all departments of the industry. By a useful and honorable life he has acquired a standing which is of vastly greater value than immense wealth gained through questionable methods.

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#### ORLANDO D. HALL.

Orlando D. Hall is well known as the owner of the Maple Lawn Farm, located on section 3, Scott township, Poweshiek county, and his popularity among his fellow townsmen has been proven by the fact that in 1906, although living in a republican stronghold, he was elected on the democratic ticket to the office of county supervisor. He is a native of Berrien county, Michigan,

his birth having occurred May 4, 1852. His parents were George and Katharine (Deardorff) Hall, the former born in Butler county, Ohio, in February, 1826, while the latter claims Indiana as the state of her nativity. The father removed to Michigan from Ohio with his parents when he was a lad of ten years but after one year the family returned to Ohio and there the grandfather passed away. The father of our subject, however, remained in Berrien county, Michigan, until 1865, when he removed with his family to Poweshiek county, Iowa, and engaged in farming. He was a prosperous man and became the owner of two hundred and forty acres of rich farming land. He died here on the 12th of January, 1898, at the age of seventy-two years. The mother, however, still survives and makes her home in Brooklyn. Their family numbered seven children, namely: Orlando D., of this review; Curtis, a resident of Madison county, Iowa; Eldon L., of Scott township, who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume; Cass L., of Brooklyn; Charles H., who is also mentioned in this work; Myrtle, of Brooklyn; and Guy O., who makes his home in Malcom.

O. D. Hall was reared in the state of his nativity to the age of thirteen years, at which time he accompanied his parents on their removal to Poweshiek county, the family home being established on a farm in Bear Creek township, just across the road from the present home of our subject. At that time much of the land was unbroken prairie and the homes of the settlers were widely scattered. He assisted his father in breaking new land and making a home and his experience then proved of value to him when making a home for himself. He remained with his father until 1875, when he was married to Miss Savilla Shuler, who was born in Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, February 2, 1856, a daughter of George and Sarah (Woodley) Shuler. The father died in the Keystone state in 1868, after which the daughter accompanied her mother to Poweshiek county in 1874. The mother passed away here on the 27th of February, 1895.

Following his marriage Mr. Hall located on his farm of two hundred acres on section 3, Scott township, which at that time was unbroken prairie. He at once set to work to break the land and cultivate his fields and as time passed he gathered rich harvests as a reward for the labor which he bestowed upon it. He also made all the improvements on the place, building a good substantial residence and outbuildings, all of which work was done with his own hands with the exception of some help he received in the construction of the house. His place is now known as the Maple Lawn Farm and is one of the most beautiful, as well as productive tracts, in this section of the county. He gives his time to general farming and stock-raising and also does some feeding. He follows modern methods in carrying on his work and his success is well merited for it has come to him through his own well directed labors and sound business judgment.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Hall has been blessed with eight children: Sherman, of Scott township; Carrie, the wife of B. F. Kensinger, of Bear Creek township; Homer, who makes his home in Huron, South Dakota; Glenn, who is attending school in Davenport, Iowa; Kathryn, the wife of Glenn Crider, of Bear Creek township; and Fred, Clyde and Helen, all at home.



Mr. Hall has been a lifelong democrat and on that ticket in 1906 was elected as county supervisor, his term of service beginning on the 1st of January, 1907, and he was the first democrat to hold that position in the county, this being a republican stronghold. He was elected for a second term, polling all but thirteen out of the one hundred and fifty-six votes cast in Scott township. He has also filled the office of justice of the peace and has served in other minor offices of the township. He is a popular official and ever discharges his duties with the same fidelity that he conducts his private business affairs. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge, and he and his family attend and support the Methodist Episcopal church. Having resided in Poweshiek county for forty-six years, Mr. Hall feels a deep interest in its welfare and is ever found ready to do what he can to advance its interests, while at the same time he is meeting with success in the conduct of his own business affairs.

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### FRED BAUSTIAN.

As the name indicates, Fred Baustian comes of German ancestry and the traits of character which ever mark the people of that nationality are strongly manifest in his life. He is the owner of one hundred and fifty acres of land on section 4, Pleasant township, and here he is devoting his energies to its further improvement and cultivation.

Mr. Baustian is a native of Poweshiek county, born in Chester township, July 12, 1872, a son of George and Elizabeth (Schmidt) Baustian, both of whom were born in Germany, the former in Pashinn, January 26, 1837. He was a young man of twenty-one years when he emigrated to the new world with his parents, the date of their arrival being June 21, 1861. They located in Illinois and it was in Lockport, that state, that George Baustian was married, on the 13th of October, 1861, to Miss Elizabeth Schmidt. He remained in Illinois until the spring of 1866, when he removed with the family to Jasper county, Iowa, where he made his home for five years. He then came to Poweshiek county and engaged in farming, in which he continued until in May, 1901, when he suffered a stroke of paralysis. He remained in an invalid condition until his sufferings were terminated by death on the 16th of November, 1906, when he was in his seventieth year. He was reared in the faith of the Lutheran church and was a member of that denomination in Malcom. He was an industrious man and led an upright life, his genial spirit and kindly deeds endearing him to all those with whom he came in contact. His widow, who was born in Germany, May 9, 1835, still survives, and now makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Appleby, in Chester township. By her marriage she became the mother of eight children: John, a resident of Rock Rapids, Iowa; George; Henry; Peter; Joseph; Fred; Emma, the wife of Andrew Appleby, of Chester township; and Sophie, deceased wife of John Baltisberger, of Poweshiek county.

Fred Baustian spent the period of his boyhood and youth under the parental roof and was early trained to habits of industry and economy, which have proved valuable assets in his later life. At the time of his marriage he started

out upon an independent business venture, operating rented land for five years. He then purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Chester township but sold this and bought his present farm of one hundred and fifty acres in March, 1906, this farm being located on section 4, Pleasant township. He here gives his time and attention to general farming, and his labors have brought him a gratifying measure of prosperity.

Mr. Baustian was married February 14, 1895, to Miss Henrietta Schultz, who was born in Sheridan township, November 8, 1873, a daughter of Carl Heinrich Martin and Augusta (Blat) Schultz. Her father was born September 1, 1843, in Richtenberg, Pomerania, Prussia, and came with his parents to America in 1855, the family home being established at Princeton, Illinois. After residing for ten years in that state, the family removed to Poweshiek county, and here Mr. Schultz followed farming in Sheridan township for many years but the last five years of his life were spent in Malcom, where he was called to his final rest, when more than sixty-two years of age. His widow still survives and makes her home in Brooklyn. Their marriage was blessed with seven children but two of the number are deceased: Minnie and August, who died at the age of fifteen years. Those living are: Lena, the wife of Peter Baustian; Henrietta, the wife of our subject; Jacob; Theodore F.; and Gertrude. All are residents of Poweshiek county. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Baustian have been born three children; Alfred, Carrie and Grace.

Mr. Baustian gives his political allegiance to the republican party and his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Lutheran church of Malcom. He is a representative young farmer, who rapidly discerns opportunities of advancement and is working his way to the front among the substantial citizens of Poweshiek county.

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### SAMUEL S. ORMISTON.

An excellent farm of one hundred and twenty acres, located on section 15, Madison township, pays sterling tribute to the care and attention bestowed upon it by Samuel S. Ormiston, one of the progressive and prosperous agriculturists of this locality.

He was born in Washington county, Ohio, on the 18th of June, 1857, a son of John and Harriett (Disbro) Ormiston. The former was born in Scotland about 1822 and when a little lad of but two years of age came with his parents to America, the family home being established in Washington county, Ohio. There he spent practically his entire lifetime, giving his attention during the period of his business career to the occupation of farming. His death occurred there in February, 1894. His wife, who was a native of New York, accompanied her parents to Ohio when but a child. Her father was drowned in the Muskingum river, near Zanesville, Ohio. She met and married John Ormiston in Washington county, Ohio, and still survives him, making her home on the old homestead with her youngest daughter, Mrs. James Schweikert.

Samuel S. Ormiston was reared on the home farm in Ohio, spending the period of his boyhood and youth amid the wholesome influences of rural life, and remained with his father until he was nineteen years of age, when he came west to Iowa, locating in Brooklyn, Poweshiek county. Here he worked at farm labor by the month for three years, after which he made his way to Jefferson township where two years were devoted to the operation of a rented farm of one hundred and sixty acres. The three following years were given to the cultivation of a rented farm in Scott township, after which he took a year's trip, driving through Kansas and Nebraska in search of a favorable location. After a thorough investigation he purchased two hundred acres in Nebraska, which remained in his possession until nineteen years ago. After his return to Iowa he rented a farm in Warren township for two years, and then operated the Garvin Lang place in Madison township in the capacity of renter for five years.

In 1892 he purchased his present homestead of one hundred and twenty acres located on section 15, Madison township, whereon he has since continued to reside. Here he engages in general farming and also devotes much of his time to stock-raising, being the owner of a fine recorded herd of Hereford cattle. He also raises a good grade of hogs and for the past twenty-five years has made a specialty of breeding Plymouth Rock chickens, every year hatching from five to six hundred chickens. He is well known throughout the township for the excellent grade of his stock and he has so carefully managed his interests that today he is ranked among the most substantial farmers and stock-raisers in this locality.

On the 18th of February, 1881, Mr. Ormiston was united in marriage to Miss Mary Katharine Torrance, a daughter of Thomas and Mary (Barr) Torrance, both natives of Ireland. The father, whose birth occurred in Garvah, Londonderry county, was there reared, and when a youth of seventeen years he came alone to the United States, determining to seek a home and fortune on this side of the Atlantic. He resided in Philadelphia for a time where he was engaged as cabinet-maker, and later assisted in the construction of the Lehigh canal. He then purchased a boat, which he operated as captain on the canal for a time, and subsequently took up railroad contracting, being employed on the construction of the Union Pacific road. In 1878 Mr. Torrance came to Iowa, locating on a farm in Jefferson township, Poweshiek county, and there on one farm resided for twenty-three years. At the expiration of that period he removed to Hartwick, Jefferson township, where he now makes his home. His wife, who was born near Coleraine, Londonderry county, Ireland, is now deceased, her death occurring on the 16th of February, sixteen years ago, on the farm near Hartwick. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Ormiston have been born four children: William Frederick, the eldest, resides with his parents on the home farm. He formerly engaged in school teaching and is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mabel Torrance married Homer A. Carpenter, who is well known among the younger farmers of Madison township, and they now have one daughter, Vera Helen, three years of age; Mary Harriett resides at home and teaches school in district No. 5, Madison township; and Susan Florence, the youngest of the family, lives at home and attends the school taught by her sister. At one time all three daughters attended the school in the home district of which their brother William was teacher.



Mr. Ormiston has given his support to the men and measures of the republican party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. His fellow citizens have honored him by election to the various positions of public trust and he has acted as justice of the peace for four years. He also served on the school board for one term and has filled the office of township trustee for four years, while in 1911 he was reelected for another term of two years. The owner of a well improved farming property, and progressive and practical in the conduct of his business affairs, he is now numbered among the substantial and well-to-do residents of Malcom township, while his life, ever upright and honorable, has gained for him the warm esteem and unqualified confidence of those with whom he has been brought into contact.

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### CAPTAIN GEORGE PHILLIPS.

Coming to Brooklyn when its population numbered but one hundred and fifty people, Captain George Phillips has watched it develop into a flourishing village of fifteen hundred inhabitants, and during the period of his residence here he has occupied a prominent place in the community, his activity in both business and public interests proving a stimulating and potent force toward progress and improvement along various lines.

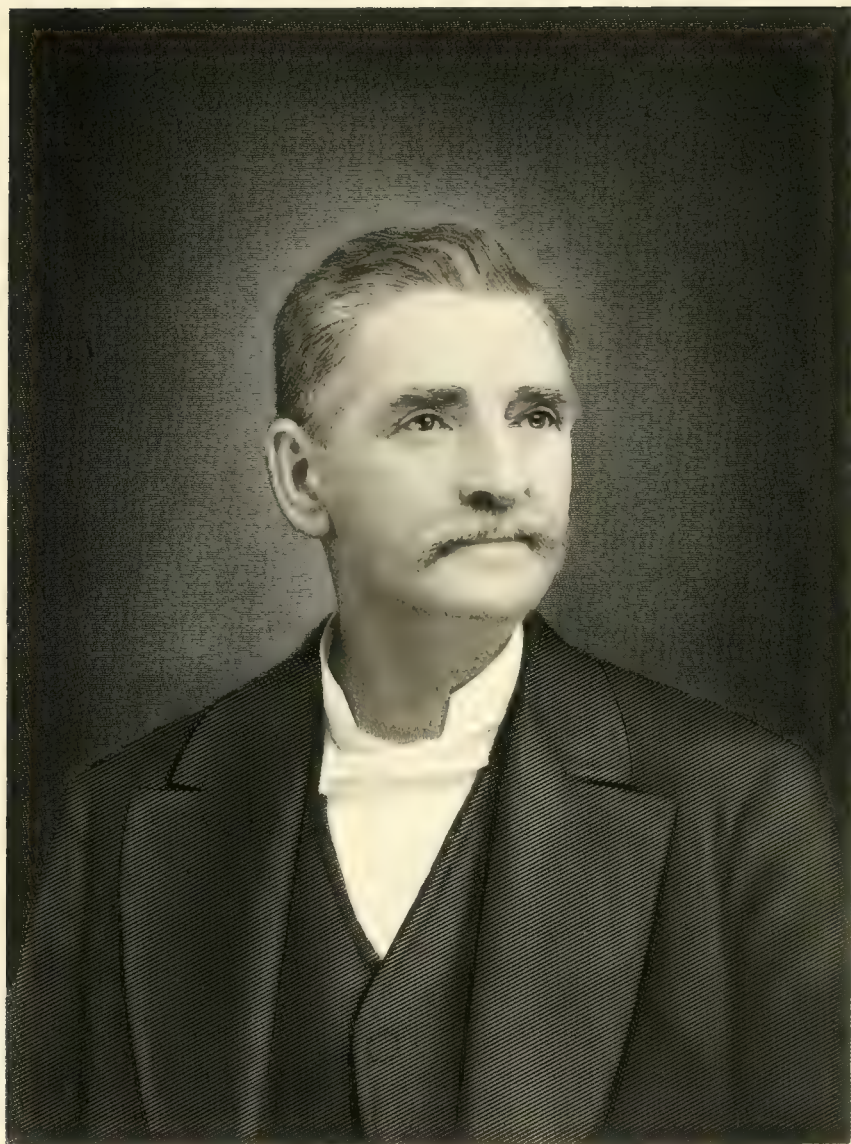
Born in Onondaga county, New York, on the 13th of August, 1835, he is a son of George and Betsy (Craig) Phillips, natives of Bristol, England, where they were reared and married. Thinking to find better business opportunities in the new world, the father came alone to the United States in 1833, locating in Marcellus, Onondaga county, New York, and a year later was followed by his wife and family, consisting then of a son and daughter. The parents spent their remaining days upon the farm where they had first located, the father passing away when Captain Phillips was very young. He had been a farmer throughout his lifetime and was the first to introduce the growing of teasels into America. After his arrival in this country the family of George Phillips, Sr., was increased to four children, as follows: Eliza, who was the wife of Ralph McKinney and died in Illinois in 1907; Edward, a resident of Wolsey, South Dakota; George, of this review; and A. W., a physician residing in Derby, Connecticut, who is also a member of the senate of that state. The last named served as a soldier in the Union army during the time of the Civil war, enlisting from Onondaga county, New York, in the Twelfth New York Regiment, and later serving as assistant surgeon of the One Hundred and Forty-ninth New York Infantry.

Captain George Phillips spent the first twenty years of his life in Onondaga and Cayuga counties, New York, and in 1855 sought the opportunities of the growing west, making his way to Iroquois county, Illinois. After two years there spent he went to Dubuque, Iowa, and thence to Waterloo, where he spent the winter. When a young man of twenty years of age he had learned the carpenter's trade, and followed that occupation in both Illinois and Iowa, assisting in the building of one of the first railroad bridges in the latter state. He also



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helped to build the first packing house at Ottumwa, Iowa, and was variously engaged at his trade until July, 1860, when he came to Brooklyn, Poweshiek county, and has since been a resident of this place.

At the time of the Civil war he assisted in organizing Company H, Twenty-eighth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and in August, 1862, was mustered in as first lieutenant of his company. Later, on the 3d of August, 1863, he was promoted to the rank of captain of the same company and as such served until the close of the war. His regiment was one of the three Iowa regiments to take part in the operations in the Shenandoah valley under General Sheridan, and he also saw service in thirteen important battles as well as many minor engagements. Captain Phillips participated in every engagement in which his regiment took part with the exception of one, the battle at Sabine Cross Roads, at which time he was in a hospital in New Orleans. At the close of hostilities he was mustered out at Savannah, Georgia, and returned home with a military record that was most honorable and creditable.

When his country no longer needed his services Captain Phillips once more took up civil pursuits, entering business in connection with O. F. Dorrance, under the firm style of Phillips & Dorrance, dealers in general merchandise. He was thus engaged for eight years and then retired from business activities to give his entire attention to the duties of public office, to which he had been elected by his fellow townsmen. He had been most fortunate in his business ventures, winning a success which now ranks him among the substantial and well-to-do citizens of Poweshiek county. He now owns two hundred and forty acres of rich land six miles south of Brooklyn and three-quarters of a section in Minnesota. He is the president of Yellowstone Valley Land Company, Inc., and in this connection was associated with five others in the ownership of fifty thousand acres of land in Dawson County, Montana, which they have since sold.

Captain Phillips' connection with the public life of Brooklyn extends over many years and forms a period of continuous and substantial growth in the history of the community. On the 17th of December, 1874, he was appointed to the position of postmaster of Brooklyn, his term of office continuing for thirteen years, or until the election of Grover Cleveland to the presidency. He was then elected mayor of the city, his fellow townsmen thus conferring upon him the highest honor in their power to bestow. For two years he occupied the office of chief executive and during that time gave the city a business like and progressive administration. He next served for four years as clerk of the district court. He was a member of the city council for several years and in that capacity had personal charge of the installation of the water system, and for several years also served on the board of education, during which period the new high-school building was erected. In fact few projects having for their object the improvement and betterment of the town have failed to arouse his deep interest or to receive his hearty indorsement and cooperation, and he is numbered among Brooklyn's most representative and valued residents.

On the 1st of January, 1867, Captain Phillips was united in marriage to Miss Nancy Elizabeth Carson, a daughter of Edward R. and Margaret (Campbell) Carson, of Iowa City, who were very early settlers of Iowa. Her parents

were both natives of Washington county, East Tennessee, the father born July 11, 1809, and the mother in Leesburg, March 5, 1800. They were married in that county, August 24, 1834. Mrs. Phillips was born near Iowa City on the 28th of May, 1846, and had an elder sister, also born in Johnson county, whose name was Dilla Iowa and who became the wife of Hon. A. J. Wood. With the passing years the home of Mr. and Mrs. Phillips was blessed by the birth of five children, as follows: Lela, a school teacher residing at home; A. H., of Brooklyn, where he has been engaged in business for forty years, first as a merchant in connection with his father, whom he later succeeded, and now as a real estate operator; Effie V., of Montana, Della L., of Montana, who was formerly a teacher at Grinnell; and Prescott Bryon, who was born on the 11th of December, 1873, and died two years later, on October 28, 1875. The daughters in Montana are at present holding adjoining claims at Savage, that state. Mrs. Phillips died August 8, 1902.

Captain Phillips has given his political allegiance to the republican party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, casting his first vote for Fremont, since which time he has supported every candidate for president on that ticket. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at the present time, although he was reared in the faith of the Baptist church, of which he was a member until two years ago. There is no church of that denomination in Brooklyn, however, at the present time. In fraternal circles he is a Master Mason, holding membership in Corinthian Lodge, No. 174, of Brooklyn. He is a charter member and commander of John T. Drake Post, No. 321, G. A. R., and was a charter member and first president of Brooklyn Veteran Union, an organization which preceded the Grand Army of the Republic post and erected the soldiers monument at this place.

Few men who have reached a place of independence in the business world today have started out in life with a more discouraging outlook than did he whose name introduces this review. Left fatherless at a very early age, he had never had a suit of clothes that had not been made over from old garments until he was able to earn them for himself. When but a lad of ten years he was thrown upon his own resources to make his way in the world, his first position securing him a salary of twenty dollars for six months. From this humble position he steadily forged ahead and utilized every opportunity for advancement, until he is now able to live retired from business activity, a substantial competence furnishing him with all of the comforts of life without recourse to further labor. He has truly earned the title of self-made man and richly deserves the success which is now his to enjoy.

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#### HARRY F. LANPHERE.

Harry F. Lanphere is numbered among those who have made of the Citizens National Bank a well balanced and carefully conducted financial enterprise. He is filling the position of cashier and is proving a popular officer with the patrons of the bank, to whom he gives courteous and faithful attention, while at the same

time he is most loyal to the best interests of the institution and its stockholders. Iowa claims him as a native son, his birth having occurred in Davenport, on the 11th of November, 1870. His parents were William H., and Esther (Canfield) Lanphere, both of whom were natives of Cattaraugus county, New York, where they were reared and married. The opportunities of the west attracted him, however, and in 1855 they came to Iowa, settling first in Davenport. On reaching manhood William H. Lanphere became express messenger on the Chicago, Rock-Island & Pacific Railroad, at which time Grinnell was the terminus of the line. Later he became identified with mercantile interests, going upon the road as a traveling salesman. He represented various houses in the state of Iowa and became widely and favorably known to the trade. He died in 1898, at the age of sixty-eight years, his birth having occurred in 1830. He was a member of the Masonic lodge and a man well known throughout the state of Iowa through his fraternal and business relations. His social qualities and genuine worth commended him to the confidence and good will of all, and few men have had more warm friends. His wife survived him for about ten years, passing away in 1908.

Harry F. Lanphere was reared under the parental roof and the public schools afforded him his educational privileges. The family removed from Davenport to Grinnell in 1884 and he continued his studies in Grinnell high school, thus acquiring a fair practical education to equip him for life's responsible duties. In January, 1889, two months after having attained his eighteenth year, he entered the First National Bank of Grinnell as bookkeeper and served in that capacity for about three and a half years, when he was made teller. After filling that important position for eight years he resigned to enter the office of the Spaulding Manufacturing Company, with whom he was associated for about three years, when he resigned and engaged in the land business. In July, 1904, the First National Bank closed its doors and soon thereafter Mr. Lanphere, recognizing that a favorable opportunity presented for the establishment of another banking enterprise in the city, organized the Citizens National Bank, and on the 12th of December, 1904, the new institution opened its doors for business. In the capacity of cashier Mr. Lanphere dictated its policy and has since been most active in its management, making it one of the strong financial enterprises of Poweshiek county. A general banking business is conducted and the books of the company show a substantial balance. The safe, conservative policy instituted has won the confidence of the public and its patronage is steadily increasing.

On the 26th of November, 1891, Mr. Lanphere was married to Miss Kate Yost Grinnell, a daughter of Ezra H. Grinnell, and niece of Josiah Bushnell Grinnell, the founder of the town which bears his name. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Lanphere have been born two children, Pauline and Katharine.

Mr. Lanphere is well known in several fraternal and social organizations, holding membership in Herman Lodge, No. 273, A. F. & A. M., Palestine Chapter, R. A. M., and Grinnell Lodge, No. 175, K. P. He also belongs to Franklin Club, is a member of the Poweshiek Club and of the Grant Club of Des Moines. He is one of Grinnell's most prominent and best known men, actuated in all that he does by a spirit of enterprise and progress and seeking the public good as well as individual advancement in all of his business affairs. What he has accomplished represents the fit utilization of his innate talents and powers. He has



worked his way upward along a path that is clear and open and though difficulties and obstacles have beset him, as they do in every business career, he has overcome these by persistent purpose and stands today among the representative men of Poweshiek county.

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### JAMES E. NEELY.

The firm and unfaltering purpose which is an indispensable element in the attainment of success finds expression in the life record of James E. Neely, who is engaged in dealing in coal in Grinnell. Through sheer force of perseverance and capable management he has won success that places him with the foremost business men of the city. He was born in Fairfield, Herkimer county, New York, June 19, 1846, and is a son of Jerome and Elizabeth (Nellis) Neely, who were likewise natives of Fairfield, where they were reared and married. The father devoted his life to general agricultural pursuits and continued to reside at the place of his nativity until his death, which occurred September 2, 1856, when he was forty-nine years of age. The mother continued her residence in Fairfield until the fall of 1871, when she came to Grinnell to make her home with her son James, here residing until her demise on the 18th of May, 1888.

James E. Neely spent his youth in the Empire state and the public schools afforded him his early educational privileges, while later he had the benefit of instruction in the Fairfield Academy. He took up teaching at the age of sixteen years and followed the profession through five winter seasons, while the summer months were devoted to farm work. When twenty-one years of age he made his way westward to Perry, Lake county, Ohio, where he engaged in the produce business.

With the establishment of a commercial enterprise he also undertook the establishment of a home and on the 22d of December, 1869, Mr. Neely was united in marriage to Miss Lydia A. Wire, a daughter of Truman Wire, a sawmill man who cut the cross ties that were used in the building of a section of the first Lake Shore Railroad built through that part of the country. He had removed from Yates county, New York, to Lake county, Ohio, and it was while the family was living in the latter state that Mr. Neely was married. He began his domestic life in Ohio, but in February, 1871, he removed westward to Grinnell, where he arrived on the 28th of the month. Soon afterward he purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, three miles east of the town, and took up his abode upon that property, continuing its cultivation and improvement until 1894, when he left the farm and removed to Grinnell. In 1873 he began the manufacture of cheese in connection with the cultivation of his fields, and statistics show that he was among the first cheese manufacturers in this state. He also developed the leading enterprise of this character in Iowa and conducted his factory until 1902, when he sold his farm and discontinued his factory. On his removal to Grinnell in 1894 he established himself in the coal business and is today the leading coal dealer of this city. His business affairs are capably and profitably managed and keen discernment and enterprise are elements in his prosperity.



The home of Mr. and Mrs. Neely has been blessed with four children: Walter J., who now occupies a political position in the Grinnell postoffice; Earl M., of the firm of J. E. Neely & Son, coal dealers; and Ada P. and Ida E., twins, who died of diphtheria in 1893, one on the 11th and the other on the 13th of February. The family are widely and favorably known in Poweshiek county and Mr. and Mrs. Neely have a circle of friends almost coextensive with the circle of their acquaintance. He is a prominent Mason, belonging to Herman Lodge, No. 273, A. F. & A. M., Palestine Chapter, No. 101, R. A. M.; St. Andrew's Commandery, No. 22, K. T., of Newton, Iowa; and Za-Ga-Zig Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of Des Moines. He and his wife are also members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he is serving as one of the trustees. In politics he is a progressive republican and has repeatedly served as a delegate to the county and state conventions. He has also been a member of the city council of Grinnell at various times, in which connection he has ever exercised his official prerogatives in support of many measures and movements which are of marked value to the city in the promotion of its best interests. He never gives up a cause in which he embarks and, therefore, his aid and cooperation are eagerly sought where the best interests of the city are to be conserved.

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#### LYMAN A. LONGLEY.

Lyman A. Longley, deceased, was one of the honored native sons of Poweshiek county, whose farm of three hundred and twenty acres in Jasper county, near Grinnell, is now the home of his widow and children. To him belonged the distinction of having been the first male white child born in Chester township, his birth occurring on the 6th of July, 1861. For many years he was a prominent farmer and business man of this section and at his death, in 1909, the community mourned the loss of one of its valued citizens. His father, Amos L. Longley, was a native of Maine and died when our subject was only three years old. He owned a farm of eighty acres of land in Chester township, north of Grinnell, and upon that place made his home until his death. His widow, who bore the maiden name of Cordelia Bigelow, was also a native of the Pine Tree state. After his death she became the wife of Benoni Howard, who was born in Massachusetts, and from that state removed to Princeton, Illinois, in 1854, the journey being made by rail. It was his intention to locate at Princeton, but, finding land too high for his resources, he decided to come farther west. Proceeding to Rock Island, he walked from that city to Vinton, Iowa, in search of a location and later went to Tama county. Not being satisfied with the outlook there, he came to Sugar Creek township, Poweshiek county, where timber was plentiful and conditions appeared more favorable than in the localities where he had previously stopped. He assisted in the original survey of the city of Grinnell and also in stoning up the first well that was dug there. After the surveyors had completed their work, however, it was found that the well was in the middle of the street and it was necessarily abandoned.

Lyman A. Longley attended the common schools during his boyhood and youth and was reared upon his stepfather's farm, displaying in early life an adaptability for farming and stock-raising. Subsequently he served for ten years as mail clerk and also engaged in the meat business for three years, but his life was principally devoted to farming and in 1882 he acquired one hundred and sixty acres of land, including the old homestead. In 1908 he began the erection of a handsome residence, containing all modern improvements, but did not live to see its completion. The family estate now comprises three hundred and twenty acres of well improved and valuable land.

On the 14th of September, 1882, Mr. Longley was united in marriage to Miss Alice Howard, a daughter of Benoni Howard, his stepfather, and they became the parents of two children, Ethel Cordelia and Ralph Lyman, both of whom are now living with their mother on the home farm, the son having charge of the place, which under his management is producing excellent harvests.

Mr. Longley gave his support to the republican party but never aspired to public office, preferring to devote his attention to business affairs. He was a sincere believer in the authority of the Bible and an earnest member of the Congregational church. He was recognized as a man of honesty and ability—a natural gentleman whose kindly and obliging disposition readily attracted friends wherever he was known. A good farmer and a clear-headed business man, his opinion on business affairs was accepted as authority and by his associates he was greatly respected for his enterprising spirit and genial nature and for his consideration of others, which was apparent in all his relations with his fellowmen.

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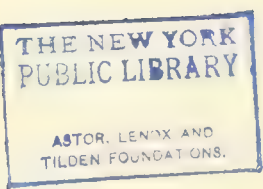
#### HENRY ILLIAN.

Among the veterans of the Civil war now living in Poweshiek county is numbered Henry Illian, whose birth occurred in the duchy of Waldeck, Prussia, Germany, on the 19th of January, 1838. He is a son of Frederick and Louise (Willis) Illian, also natives of the fatherland, the mother there passing away in 1846. The father again married, his second union being with Miss Caroline Rummell. He was a farmer by occupation and in 1853 brought his family to the United States, establishing his home in Davenport, where his death occurred in 1858. By his first marriage there were five sons and two daughters, of which number Henry Illian, of this review, was the third in order of birth, while by the second marriage there were two children, a son and daughter. With the exception of one daughter, who is married and resides in Germany, all of the children came to the United States.

In 1853, when a lad of fifteen, Henry Illian left his native country and came to the new world. After arriving in Iowa he gave his father the benefit of his assistance upon the home farm until July 25, 1862, when, in response to the call of the Union for more troops, he enlisted at Davenport as a member of Company G, Twentieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and served for three years. He participated in all of the engagements of his regiment, including the siege of Vicksburg, the battles of Forts Morgan and Blakely, and various minor skir-



Henry Illian





ishes, and bears the scars of three flesh wounds received during his term of service, one a bullet wound in the breast, another in the back and the third in the arm. He was mustered out at Clinton, Iowa, in August, 1865, after a most honorable and creditable military career.

Returning to Scott county, Iowa, Mr. Illian there engaged independently in farming for a number of years, and in the spring of 1883 came to Poweshiek county, purchasing his present home of eighty acres on section 23, Malcolm township. It is a well improved farm, its neat and thrifty appearance indicating the supervision of a practical owner, and he is widely recognized as one of the enterprising and prosperous agriculturists of the community.

In 1870 Mr. Illian was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Tissin, who was born in Holstein, Germany, in 1847, and in 1854 came with her parents to Iowa, the family establishing their home at Davenport. On the 4th of March, 1894, Mr. Illian was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, and eight children have also passed away, as follows: Henry, William, Fred and Tillie, all of whom died in Cleona township, Scott county, inside of three weeks, their deaths resulting from diphtheria; Lulu, who passed away at the age of four years; Barnard, at the age of two and a half years; Adam, at the age of four years; and Ellen, at the age of five years. One daughter, Genevieve, survives, and is now the wife of James B. McKeag. She has a daughter, Irma Marguerite, and a son, Kenneth Henry, and with her husband resides with her father on the old home farm.

Mr. Illian holds membership in the Lutheran church and also belongs to John T. Drake Post, G. A. R., at Brooklyn. He gives his support to the republican party and although not a politician in the sense of office-seeking, is a public-spirited citizen, deeply interested in the substantial improvement of his home locality. He served, however, as road supervisor two years and as school director the same length of time. He is honorable and straightforward in his business dealings and is highly esteemed wherever known.

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### JOHN W. FISHER.

The son of a soldier who lost his life in the Civil war, John W. Fisher, of Chester township, early learned to depend upon his own resources, and thus developed those sturdy traits of character which inevitably lead to success in business and to leadership in the community. He is a native of Tama county, Iowa, born July 31, 1862, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Cooper) Fisher, the former having been born in Ohio and the latter in Pennsylvania. They were married in 1861. The father was drafted in an Iowa regiment in defence of the Union at the time of the Civil war and died in a hospital, his body being buried in the south. The mother was married in 1868 to W. S. Harris, at that time a resident of Tama county, Iowa.

John W. Fisher received his early education in the common schools and also attended Albion Seminary near Marshalltown, Iowa. He engaged in farm work in Tama county and in March, 1892, being then thirty years of age, he came to

Chester township, Poweshiek county, subsequently moving upon his present location in section 29, where he owns one hundred and twenty acres, and being also the owner of a tract of eighty acres in the same township. He has been highly successful in raising Guernsey cattle and Chester White hogs, and as an exhibitor at the fairs has carried off some of the most desirable prizes. He devotes special attention to the dairy business.

On the 12th of January, 1888, Mr. Fisher was married to Miss Anna J. Hendrixson, a daughter of Hugh and Sarah (Waldron) Hendrixson. The father was a physician and practiced for a number of years at Columbus, Ohio, his birth having occurred in Clermont county, that state. One child has blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Fisher. She has attended high school and is now engaged in teaching school No. 4 at Chester.

Politically Mr. Fisher supports the principles and candidates of the republican party. He has served with marked ability as justice of the peace and as president of the school board. In religious belief he adheres to the Methodist church. A broad-minded and conscientious man, he has accumulated a competency by his industry and thrift and has set an example which reflects high credit upon himself and those with whom he is associated. He is known as an earnest and patriotic citizen who appreciates the responsibilities of American citizenship and manfully endeavors to discharge them.

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#### W. H. TAYLOR.

Perhaps no resident of Barnes City, Iowa, occupies a more prominent place among the builders of the town than does W. H. Taylor, whose generous donation of land made possible the establishment of enterprises around which, as a nucleus, the flourishing little village has had its growth. Born in Parke county, Indiana, on the 3d of February, 1845, he is a son of William and Martha (Darland) Taylor, also natives of that state. There the father passed away when the son was but a year old, and subsequently his wife and her mother, Mrs. Alsey (Reynolds) Darland, also a widow, removed to Warren county, Illinois, where they resided until about 1857. They then came to Poweshiek county, Iowa, where both passed away. W. H. Taylor, of this review, was the youngest and is now the only living member of a family of three children, the others being: Amanda, the deceased wife of George Anderson; and John Dudley.

W. H. Taylor was a lad of twelve years when he took up his abode in Poweshiek county, and since the age of twenty-three years he has made his home upon his present farm. When twenty-one years of age he purchased eighty acres of this farm, to which he later added as he prospered in his agricultural pursuits until he became one of the most extensive landowners in his section of the county, a fact which speaks strongly of a life of industry, perseverance and ambition on the part of one whose start in life was in no way auspicious and whose gradual rise in the business world came as the result of his own well directed efforts. At one time he owned all of section 34, Jackson township, eighty acres of section 33 and eighty acres of section 27, all lying in one body, and constituting one of

the finest and most valuable estates in the township. Twenty acres of this property is within the corporation limits of Barnes City and upon this tract Mr. Taylor now makes his home. He has disposed of much of his land to his sons, although the entire tract still remains in the possession of the family. It is equipped with five good sets of buildings, occupied by two sons, a son-in-law and two tenants, and is a well improved property, all of the up-to-date conveniences and accessories of a model farm having been introduced by Mr. Taylor. In 1897 he built a large barn, forty-eight by ninety-six feet, and in the following year erected his present handsome fourteen-room dwelling, equipped throughout with all of the latest improvements. In former years he operated this place himself, actively engaged in general farming and stock-raising, but during the past few years has rented the land. In 1892 he became identified with the commercial interests of Barnes City as proprietor of a general mercantile business operated under the firm style of W. H. Taylor & Sons. For about seven years this enterprise had a continuous and successful growth under his management, becoming one of the most important business concerns of the town, and then, in 1899, he withdrew from active life, leaving the entire direction and management of the business to his sons, who have since conducted it under the original name of W. H. Taylor & Sons. He is now living retired, enjoying in well earned rest a fortune which is at once substantial and honorable.

Mr. Taylor was married, in 1868, to Miss Martha Ann Fisher, whose death occurred in 1872. For his second wife he chose Miss Martha Jane Lown, whom he wedded on the 17th of April, 1876. She was born in Marion county, Ohio, on the 13th of May, 1847, and in 1856 came to Iowa with her parents, Thomas and Jane (Hodson), both natives of England. Her father had come alone to this county in early manhood, while the mother had been brought to Ohio by her parents when only eight years of age. They were married in Richmond county, Ohio, and both passed away in Iowa county, Iowa. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Taylor were born five children, as follows: Charles W., a member of the firm of W. H. Taylor & Sons; Martin D., also a member of that firm; James M., a resident of Texas, who has an interest in the firm; Elsie E., the wife of James Doan, of Barnes City, who is likewise one of the firm; and George F., now operating a part of the home farm. At one time all of these children were connected with their father in the active management of the business of W. H. Taylor & Sons.

Mr. Taylor belongs to the Christian church, whose teachings form the guiding influence in his life, and fraternally he is identified with the Masonic order. A stalwart democrat, he has never been active in politics, however, further than casting his ballot at the polls, but he is nevertheless deeply interested in the welfare of the community, and his name is foremost upon the list of the town's public-spirited citizens and benefactors. It was his donation of nine acres of land to the Rock Island Railroad Company for a right of way and a site for a station that decided the location of the town of Barnes City at this point, and thus with its very founding his name is connected. He also gave a tract of three acres as a site for the Barnes City Tile Factory and in this way brought to the village one of its well known and important industries, and he also assisted largely in the erection of all three of the church edifices here. An excellent example of the self-made man, he has every reason to be proud of the success which he has achieved and



the high place which he has won in the community, for his life has been one of noble purposes and has found its reward in the high regard, respect and good-will in which he is held by all who know him.

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### JOHN F. HATCHER.

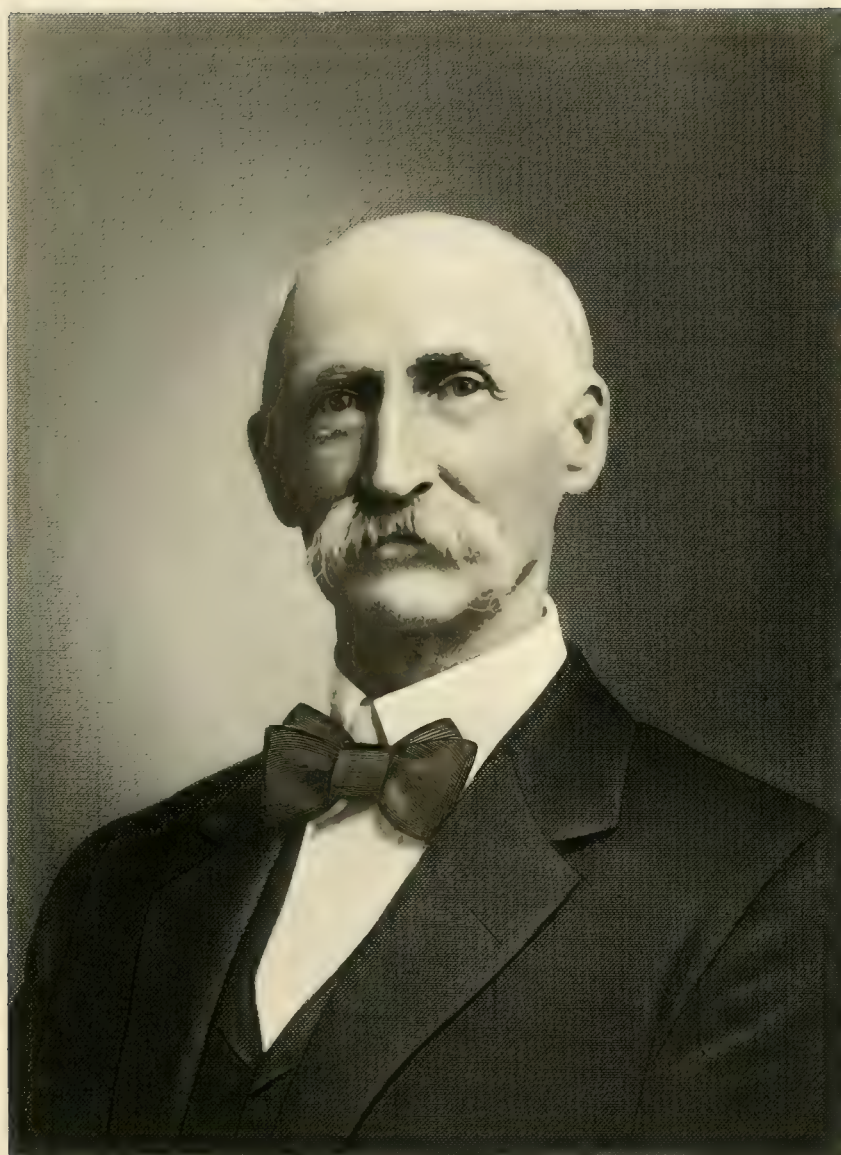
John F. Hatcher, one of the leading citizens of Poweshiek county, is a retired agriculturist of Brooklyn and a prominent factor in financial circles as the president of the Poweshiek County Savings Bank. His birth occurred in Belmont county, Ohio, on the 21st of April, 1842, his parents being Elijah and Jane (Craig) Hatcher, both of whom were natives of Loudoun county, Virginia, the former born on the 15th of August, 1796, and the latter on the 15th of August, 1806. Elijah Hatcher, a farmer by occupation, was one of the earliest settlers of Ohio, making his way to that state from Virginia on horseback. He cleared his ground of the timber, erected a log cabin and then returned to the Old Dominion for his bride, driving back to the Buckeye state in a wagon. There he continued to reside until called to his final rest at the age of eighty-three years. His wife was also eighty-three years old when she passed away.

John F. Hatcher remained on the home farm until twenty-one years of age, obtaining his education in the district school and the seminary at Lloydsville, Ohio. After attaining his majority he removed to Illinois, where he had a sister living. In the meantime his father had entered three hundred and twenty acres of land near Webster City, Iowa, and had sent money to pay the taxes but, in spite of the fact that he received receipts, the land was sold for taxes. Our subject then came to Iowa with the receipts and regained possession of the property. He was married after returning to Illinois and in 1864 purchased and located on the old Bates farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Malcom township, Poweshiek county, Iowa, being successfully engaged in its further cultivation and improvement until 1902, when he put aside the active work of the fields and took up his abode in Brooklyn. While residing on the old homestead in Malcom township, he purchased four farms, aggregating four hundred and eighty acres of land, all of which he leases at the present time. The home place has been sold.

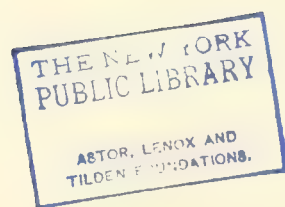
In 1904 Mr. Hatcher was elected a member of the board of directors of the Poweshiek County Bank of Brooklyn, Iowa, serving in that capacity until 1908, when the institution was organized as the Poweshiek County Savings Bank. He has been chosen president of the bank just prior to the change and retained his position as chief executive officer of the new organization. A man of splendid executive ability and sound judgment, his efforts have been a potent factor in the continued growth and success of the institution. He is likewise the president of the Brooklyn Heating & Lighting Company and a large stockholder in the Brooklyn Grain & Lumber Company.

Mr. Hatcher has been married twice. On the 15th of November, 1864, he wedded Miss Mary J. Hoge, a daughter of Isaac and Caroline (Holderman) Hoge, who were natives of Virginia and from that state removed to Illinois.





*J. F. Hatcher*



By his first wife Mr. Hatcher had two sons. Isaac F., a retired agriculturist of Morris, Illinois, married Miss Cora Palmer, by whom he had two children, Carrie and Paul. Charles E. Hatcher, a retired farmer living in Marshalltown, Iowa, married Lizzie Ballisberger. Mrs. Mary J. Hatcher passed away on the home farm in Malcom township on the 18th of January, 1879, and on the 14th of June, 1883, Mr. Hatcher was again married, his second union being with Miss Clara L. Brown, a daughter of William H. and Martha J. (Pancoast) Brown, who were natives of Loudoun county, Virginia, and spent their entire lives in the Old Dominion. Mr. Brown, who followed general agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career, died on the 21st of January, 1898, while his wife was called to her final rest on the 23d of January, 1893.

In politics Mr. Hatcher is independent, supporting men and measures rather than party. For twelve years he served as trustee and for eight years as school treasurer of Malcom township, ever discharging his official duties in a most prompt and capable manner. For many terms he was also a member of the school board of district No. 5, Malcom township. Both he and his wife are members of the Goose Creek church of Quakers of Loudoun county, Virginia. Mr. Hatcher has resided in Poweshiek county for almost a half century and enjoys a very wide and favorable acquaintance within its borders, being honored and respected by all by reason of the commendable policy he has followed in an active business career and also owing to the excellent traits of character which he has displayed in all his relations.

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#### S. D. WARD.

S. D. Ward is one of the capable agriculturists of Poweshiek county, whose ability is most ably manifested in the general appearance of his fine farm of one hundred acres in Chester township, where he engages in general farming and stock-raising. He was born in Rock Island county, Illinois, on the 22d of December, 1863, his parents being Milton and Amanda (Denison) Ward, natives of Pennsylvania. The father, who was a carpenter by trade, located in Rock Island in 1835, where he remained for three years, then removed to Hampton, Illinois. In 1884 he came to Poweshiek county, locating in Grinnell, in which city he was living retired when his death occurred two years later.

The common schools of Hampton provided S. D. Ward with an education, which was terminated by his graduation from the high school. He came from Hampton to Poweshiek county, locating upon the farm of one hundred acres in Chester township in the cultivation of which he has ever since been engaged. There is a fine orchard upon the place, in the development of which Mr. Ward has expended much time and money, but it is repaying his efforts. He makes a specialty of feeding stock for the market, a venture which has proven to be highly lucrative.

On the 18th of March, 1886, Mr. Ward was married to Miss Lettie Rickard, a daughter of Alvin and Jane (Nichols) Rickard, her father being a pioneer

farmer of Iowa. Four children were born of this union: Ella, who died in infancy; Samuel Howard, who married Cora Davis, and is living in Chester township; Alvin D., a graduate of the Grinnell high school, who is teaching in Chester township; and Margaret, who is attending the district school. The religious views of the family coincide with the principles of the Congregational denomination, their membership being held in the church of Chester.

The policy of the republican party has ever found in Mr. Ward a staunch supporter, as he considers it the party best adapted to protect the rights of the majority. He always takes an active and helpful interest in local politics and for twelve years has been assessor of his township, this long period of service eloquently attesting his capable discharge of his responsibilities.

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### CHARLES C. HUNT.

Charles C. Hunt, engaged in the abstract business in Montezuma, serving for his third term as county treasurer and well known throughout the state as a prominent representative of the Masonic fraternity, was born at Cleveland, Ohio, November 9, 1866, his parents being William George and Mary (Chase) Hunt. The father was born in Kent county, England, August 7, 1803, and there resided until about forty years of age, when he crossed the Atlantic to New York. He was a gilder, working for a long period in gold leaf. After coming to the United States he studied medicine and engaged in its practice. In 1870, after living for some time in Ohio, he came to Iowa, settling in Jones county, and his death occurred in Monticello, that county, in 1886. He was three times married and was a widower when he left his native land. He afterward wedded Mary Chase, who was born in Pennsylvania, July 5, 1845, and is now a resident of Walsenburg, Colorado. They were the parents of two children, the younger being W. C. Hunt, also of Walsenburg.

Charles C. Hunt, the elder son, accompanied his parents on their removal from Cleveland, Ohio, to Monticello, Jones county, Iowa, where he resided until 1887. Having attained his majority, he left home and made his way to Grinnell, where he resumed his education. In 1892 he was graduated from Iowa College at Grinnell with the Bachelor of Arts degree and later he engaged in teaching school until appointed deputy county treasurer in May, 1895. At a later election he was chosen treasurer and is now serving for his third term in that office, proving himself a most faithful custodian of the public funds. He has made an unassailable record in this position and the confidence reposed in him is indicated in the fact that he has been three times chosen for the office. His political allegiance has been given to the republican party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and he is an earnest worker in its ranks. For one term he served as a member of the school board at Montezuma and in March, 1911, was again elected to that position for a three years' term. He has ever been an active champion of the cause of education. On the 1st of January, 1911, he took charge of the abstract books formerly owned by



E. J. Lewis. He purchased these books and now has a complete set of abstracts of real estate in Poweshiek county.

In 1898 occurred the marriage of Charles C. Hunt and Miss Catharine M. Knapp, who was born in Minnesota, July 4, 1871, and there resided with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Knapp, of Smithfield, Minnesota, up to the time of her marriage. She has become the mother of four children: Lucian F., George A., Evelyn K. and Catharine L.

Mr. Hunt is a very prominent Mason, having attained high rank in the order. He belongs to Lafayette Lodge, No. 52, A. F. & A. M., and both he and his wife are members of Lafayette Chapter, No. 232, O. E. S. He is connected with Capitular Masonry as a member of Hyssop Chapter, No. 50, R. A. M., with Cryptic Masonry as a member of King Solomon Council, No. 20, R. & S. M., and with Chivalric Masonry as a Knights Templar of De Paynes Commandery, No. 6. He has also attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite in Des Moines Consistory, S. P. R. S., and belong to Kaaba Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He likewise holds membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias and his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Presbyterian church. His quietude of deportment, his easy dignity, his frankness and cordiality of address with a total absence of anything sinister or anything to conceal, foretold a man who is ready to meet any obligation of life with the confidence and courage that come of conscious personal ability, a right conception of things and an habitual regard for what is best in the exercise of human activities.

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### ELDON LINCOLN HALL.

Eldon Lincoln Hall is a prosperous and progressive farmer of Poweshiek county, his possessions comprising three hundred and twenty acres, located in Scott and Bear Creek townships. He was born in Berrien county, Michigan, September 23, 1860, a son of George and Katharine (Deardorff) Hall, the former a native of Butler county, Ohio, born in February, 1826, while the latter was a native of Indiana. They came to Poweshiek county in 1865 and the father was here engaged in farming to the time of his death on the 12th of January, 1898. The mother survives and makes her home in Brooklyn. More extended mention of the family is made in connection with the sketch of Orlando D. Hall on another page of this work.

Eldon L. Hall, the third in order of birth, was a little lad of five years at the time the family home was established in Poweshiek county. He was reared on the home farm, early being trained in the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the farmer boy, and in the winter season he pursued his studies in the district school near his father's home. After reaching mature years he decided to start out upon an independent business venture, choosing as his life work the occupation to which he had been reared. From time to time he has made investment in land until today he is the owner of three hundred and twenty acres in Poweshiek county, one hundred and sixty acres of which lie

in the home farm on section 4, Scott township, while he has eighty acres on section 3 and an eighty acre tract in Bear Creek township. This is all cultivable land and the two farms in Scott township are well improved and valuable properties.

It was on the 19th of March, 1885, that Mr. Hall was united in marriage to Miss Mary Milne, who was born in Scott county, Iowa, February 4, 1864. In her childhood she accompanied her parents, Stewart and Mary (Chapman) Milne, to Poweshiek county but after residing here for some time they removed to Oregon, where they are now living.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hall have been born five children: Elza Ross, of Scott township; John LeRoy, who makes his home in South Dakota; Lewis Arden; Roscoe; and Eldon Clinton. They also took into their home Lois Marie Hall, when she was but three days old, she being a daughter of Mr. Hall's brother and his wife's sister. She is being reared and educated as her own.

Mr. Hall has always given his political support to the democratic party but is not active in its ranks, taking merely a citizen's interest in public affairs. His success has been by no means the result of fortunate circumstances. It has come to him through energy, labor and perserverance, directed by an evenly balanced mind and by honorable business principles. In manner he is quiet and straightforward, and his word has become a synonym for business integrity.

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#### R. L. MORTLAND.

It has been said that there is no better criterion of a community than its newspapers, which are both makers and mirrors of public opinion. The progressive journal has much to do with shaping thought and action and the editor who closely studies the signs of the times may stand in a position of leadership in relation to many public affairs and projects. This R. L. Mortland has done in editing and publishing the Montezuma Democrat. Mr. Mortland is now in the seventy-third year of his age but in spirit and interest seems yet in his prime. He was born in Butler county, Pennsylvania, December 1, 1838, a son of Robert Mortland, descended from Protestant-Irish ancestry. In his native state Robert Mortland was reared and throughout his life followed the occupation of farming. He wedded Margaret Cumberland, also a native of Butler county, Pennsylvania, and to them were born four children.

R. L. Mortland spent his youthful days under the parental roof and as opportunity offered attended the public schools, but spent much of his time in the work of the farm. He afterward engaged in wood chopping and in the manufacture of charcoal at Maple Furnace, where he remained for some time. He afterward devoted his attention to lumbering in the oil regions and to boating on the river, continuing in the east until 1864, when, believing that better opportunities might be obtained in the middle west, he made his way to Mercer county, Illinois. There his attention was devoted to farming and carpentering for four years and in the spring of 1868 he came to Poweshiek county, where he carried on farming for a year. At the end of that time he

established his home in Montezuma and followed various pursuits for a time, but later became a contractor for bridges and buildings, giving his attention to that work from 1875 until 1889, during which period he built many bridges in Poweshiek and adjoining counties.

Then came a decided change in his life inasmuch as he put aside industrial interests to turn his attention to journalism. He purchased a half interest in the Democrat in 1889 and on the 1st of August of the same year became sole proprietor of the plant and paper. He conducted that paper until 1894 and in 1895 established the Poweshiek County Palladium, which he has since published with his son, R. A. Mortland as active editor. After a period of ten years R. L. Mortland resumed his active connection, with county work and has erected many wood and concrete bridges. Although he has passed the age of seventy-two years he is yet a most active, energetic man and accomplishes today an amount of work from which many a younger man would shrink, thinking the burden too heavy to be borne.

In September, 1864, Mr. Mortland was united in marriage to Miss Ruth Ann Webber, who was born in Venango county, Pennsylvania, on the 16th of June, 1841, and there resided until she came west with her husband. Unto them were born seven children who reached years of maturity, while three died in infancy. The living are; Nettie; Mahala T.; Robert A.; James A., who is living in White Creek, New York, where he is following the profession of civil engineering, having been educated therefor in the state university and in the Chicago University; Inez, who is a graduate of the Drexel Institute of Philadelphia and for the past eight years has been librarian at the Louisiana State University; Mazie; and Ruth. One of the sons, James A., was a soldier in the Spanish-American war, serving with the Third Army Corps.

In his political views R. L. Mortland has been a lifelong democrat and has taken an active and helpful interest in the party work. He stands at all times for that which is progressive in citizenship and in every relation of life he has been found reliable and trustworthy.

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### C. O. BOWERS.

Well known among the younger business men of Malcom is C. O. Bowers, cashier of the Malcom Savings Bank, with which institution he has been identified for almost two decades. He was born in Delaware county, Indiana, December 28, 1872, a son of Shem and Ruth Jane (Painter) Bowers. The parents, who were natives of Rockingham county, Virginia, were married in Indiana, and there the mother passed away when the subject of this review was about six years of age. Later the father was again married and, in 1883, came with his family to Iowa, locating on a farm six and a half miles northwest of Brooklyn. He devoted his entire active life to farming and was connected with agricultural pursuits until 1892, when he removed to Brooklyn and there lived retired until his death in March, 1893, when he was sixty-two years and seven

months old. By his first marriage there were ten children, eight of whom yet survive, our subject being next to the youngest in order of birth.

C. O. Bowers was eleven years of age when he came with his father to Poweshiek county, and his education, which had been begun in his native state, was continued in the country schools here. Later he received the benefit of a commercial course at the Iowa Business College of Des Moines, and on the 2d of January, 1893, accepted a position as bookkeeper in the private bank of Johnson, Dorrance & Leonard. He was thus engaged until August 7, 1905, when the bank was reorganized under the name of the Malcom Savings Bank, at which time he became cashier of the institution. His connection with the business extends over a period of eighteen years, his long association therewith being proof of his ability and integrity. He is popular alike with the patrons and officers of the bank, for he is prompt, accurate and faithful in the discharge of his duties, while at the same time he treats all patrons with a thoughtfulness and kindly consideration that not only wins their good will for himself, but reflects credit upon the institution. Aside from his connection with financial circles he is interested in Dakota and Canada lands, in which he has invested rather extensively.

On the 14th of June, 1899, Mr. Bowers was united in marriage to Miss Mabel Wilcox, who was born in Malcom on the 27th of July, 1876, a daughter of Dr. V. S. Wilcox, who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume. Unto this union have been born four children: Donovan Hamilton, Vinton Shem, Reberta Painter and Wilbur Oscar.

Mr. Bowers holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and also belongs to the Knights of Pythias. He gives his political support to the republican party and, although he has never sought nor desired public office for himself he has ever been a public-spirited citizen, advocating every measure which has for its object the development and general welfare of the community in which he resides. Fortunate in possessing ability and character that inspired confidence, the simple weight of his character and ability has brought him into a position of trust and responsibility, and he ranks high among the well known and valued young citizens of Malcom.

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#### LUCIEN G. C. PEIRCE.

Seventy-five years ago Lucien G. C. Peirce entered upon the journey of life and is today living retired at Grinnell in the enjoyment of a competency which he earned through industry and good judgment. He looks back on many years of activity, in the course of which he extended a hand of sympathy to many a wayfarer whose lot was less fortunate than his own. He comes of an illustrious line of ancestors and was born in Villenovia township, Chautauqua county, New York February 5, 1836, a son of Austin and Mary Ann (Sterling) Peirce. The father was a native of Thetford, Vermont, and was born in 1799. He was married to Mary Ann Sterling, March 17, 1826, and they removed to Villenovia township, Chautauqua county, New York, three years later when that section of the state

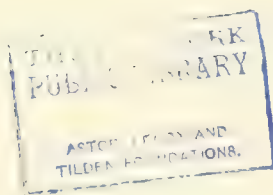




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was still only thinly settled. He engaged in the practice of medicine until 1850, when he was attacked by spinal disease and confined to his bed for nearly twelve years. He passed away June 17, 1861. He was a firm believer in the Christian religion and a devout member of the Presbyterian church. For many years he took an active interest in politics and was supervisor of his town, serving also as member of the state legislature of New York in the winter of 1841-2.

The Peirce family was very prominent in the early days of New England. The emigrant ancestor, Thomas Peirce, was born in England about 1583 and emigrated to this country in 1633 or 1634, settling at Charlestown, Massachusetts. His wife, Elizabeth, was born in England about 1595. Thomas Peirce was made a freeman in the colonies May 6, 1635, and was one of the twenty-one commissioners appointed by the general court of Massachusetts to see that saltpetre heaps were made by all the farmers of the colony. Several members of the family served in the Revolutionary war and since that time many of them have been prominent in public life and also in business in various states of the Union. On the mother's side the subject of this review is descended from noted ancestry of Scotland, Mary Ann Sterling having been a daughter of Lord Sterling. The ancestry is traced back to Walter De Streverlyng, who lived about 1130 A. D. The name underwent various changes until it became Sterling.

Lucien G. C. Peirce was reared in his native town Villenovia township and educated in the public schools, remaining at home until seventeen years of age. In 1853, having a desire to see the world and also to carve out a fortune for himself, he went to Kane county, Illinois, where he worked on a farm in the summer and clerked in a store in the winter. For several years, beginning in 1858, he was employed by Brady & Pease at Aurora. He spent ten years in Kane and Kendall counties, Illinois, and for two years was deputy postmaster at Lisbon.

In the meantime Mr. Peirce purchased one hundred and sixty acres in Poweshiek county, Iowa, four miles southeast of Grinnell and in the fall of 1862 he visited this county and in the spring of 1863 brought his wife and two children to their new home. It was for some time a lonely spot as there were no neighbors within several miles, the eye being greeted only by the open prairie and blue sky. He built a house fourteen by eighteen feet in size, still standing, in which the family lived until 1880, when he erected a modern residence, having meanwhile applied himself to good advantage as a farmer and stock-raiser. In 1889 he removed to Grinnell and for three years was interested with a partner in the creamery business. Since that time he has lived retired. He is a member of the board of directors of the Interurban Telephone Company, which operated between Grinnell and Montezuma, and for twenty-five years was secretary of the Poweshiek County Farmers Mutual Insurance Company, displaying in the discharge of his duties an ability that made his services highly acceptable to all concerned.

In 1860 Mr. Peirce was married at Batavia, Kane county, Illinois, to Miss Esther M. Snow, who has been to him a true and loving companion. Nine children came to bless this union, namely: Austin P., now living at Des Moines, Iowa; Byron B., of Kearney, Nebraska; Edna L., widow of William Philpott, of Grinnell; M. Genevra, now engaged in teaching at Blue Island, Illinois; Lucia E., who is also a teacher and is living at home; Gurdon D., deceased; Helen T., now

Mrs. C. S. Williston, of Chicago; William S., an osteopathic physician, who is engaged in practice at Lima, Ohio; and Tiny V., deceased.

Mr. Peirce and his wife are identified with the Universalist church, in which he has served as clerk. He is now independent in politics but for many years was a prominent factor in political affairs in this part of the state. Originally a republican, he became an advocate of the greenback party and was a candidate for the state legislature, carrying every precinct outside of Grinnell with a majority of fourteen votes, but he was defeated by the labor element of the city. He was prominent in the organization of the populist party and was one of the leaders in the Patrons of Husbandry, occupying all the chairs in that body from secretary to master. He is also an active worker in the Grange, remaining with it until the local organization went out of existence. He has been a director of the Poweshiek County Central Agricultural Society and served as its treasurer for three years. He and his estimable wife have a legion of friends in Poweshiek and adjoining counties who have been attracted by their interest in the welfare of others. As the shadows lengthen this venerable couple are blessed with the love of their children and neighbors, and they have the satisfaction of feeling that in an important degree they have performed their duty. Always progressive in business, kindly in disposition and generous in estimate of others, Mr. Peirce has retained the high regard of those with whom he has come in contact either in social, business or political life, and is one of the most honored residents of this city.

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### ERNEST JAMES HARRIS.

The records of the successful men of Poweshiek county are doubly interesting from the fact that so many of them won their way from humble positions and today are in the enjoyment of an abundance acquired through their own intelligently applied industry. Ernest James Harris is among those who surmounted great obstacles, and although he started as a boy of seventeen practically empty-handed, he is now the owner of a beautiful farm of which he has just reason to be proud. He is a native of Dorsetshire, England, and was born January 6, 1871, a son of James and Elizabeth (Slade) Harris. The parents were both born in the same county as the son, the father November 22, 1835, and the mother December 7, 1838. They were married in England and Mr. Harris spent his entire life in that country, being identified with farming interests. The mother came to America in 1890 and is now living with her sons in Poweshiek county. There were five children in their family: Elizabeth, who is deceased; Thomas A., who engages in farming in Chester township; Frederick, of Brule county, South Dakota; Ernest James, of this review; and Edgar J., of Chester township.

Ernest James Harris received his preliminary education in the public schools of England. In 1887, seeking to take advantage of opportunities presented in the new world, he came to Iowa and began working on the farm of his uncle, George Harris, in Washington township, Poweshiek county. After a short time he went to Grinnell and entered the employment of James Bailey, with



whom he continued for two years, and then working under A. G. Williams, of Chester township, for one year. At the end of this time he rented forty acres of land in Chester township which he cultivated for two years, and, having acquired sufficient capital, purchased one hundred and twenty acres in Washington township, upon which he established his home. He makes a specialty of raising hogs and Shorthorn cattle. He has provided the farm with a good residence, barn and outbuildings, and also with all modern accessories and conveniences, and its neat appearance indicates the great interest which he takes in his work.

On the 16th of May, 1894, Mr. Harris was united in marriage to Miss Lula Lillian Patrick, a daughter of Andrew and Gertrude (Spire) Patrick, and eight children have blessed this union, namely: James A., who was born July 27, 1895 and died January 29, 1907; Winifred L., born August 15, 1897; Arthur E., born August 15, 1900; Elsie May, born September 23, 1902; Bessie Luella, born May 15, 1904; Dorothy Irene, born November 6, 1905; Alfred, born April 13, 1907, and died April 21, 1907; and Roy Roscoe, born April 3, 1909. Mrs. Harris was born April 14, 1874, at Jasper county, Iowa. Her mother was a native of New York and was married to Mr. Patrick in New York state. They came to Iowa and lived for several years in Chester township, Poweshiek county, after which they established their home in Jasper county. The father died in August, 1881, and the mother passed away March 2, 1909. He was an earnest adherent of the republican party, and both he and his wife were members of the Methodist church and also of the Grange.

Mr. Harris has been from boyhood a member of the Episcopal church, while his wife is connected with the Methodist church. In politics he supports the republican party and has served to the general satisfaction of the community as a member of the school board. He is an active and helpful citizen, intelligent and progressive in whatsoever he undertakes, and always governed by a worthy ambition to promote to the extent of his ability the best interests of those with whom he is associated. By undaunted resolution and zeal he has won deserved recognition as one of the substantial citizens of Poweshiek county.

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#### GEORGE H. McMURRAY.

Occupying a position of leadership in connection with many of the most important interests, business enterprises and public projects of Grinnell, George H. McMurray has contributed in substantial and gratifying measure to the growth and prosperity of the city, and has so indelibly impressed himself upon the community in the work of advancement that no history of this section of the state would be complete without prominent reference to him. Iowa may well be proud to number him among her native sons.

His birth occurred in Bellevue, Jackson county, on the 18th of October, 1863, his parents being James H. and Thirza (Smith) McMurray, the former a native of Delaware county, New York, and the latter of Galena, Illinois. They were married in Bellevue, Iowa, the father having located there in early

manhood. The mother was a daughter of Judge Joseph Smith, who presided over the court of his district in Iowa. He had taken up his abode in Bellevue early in the '50s, removing to this state from Knoxville, Tennessee. On becoming a resident of Bellevue James H. McMurray had turned his attention to merchandising and some years later he removed his business to Dewitt, Iowa, and afterward to Brooklyn, Poweshiek county, in 1869. He was prominently identified with the business interests of that town for eighteen years when he went to California for the benefit of his health, spending seven years in Los Angeles. In 1892 he became a resident of Grinnell and purchased a half interest in the business owned by his sons, G. H. McMurray and James H. McMurray, since which time the enterprise has been conducted under the name of J. H. McMurray, Jr. & Company. For the past thirty-five years or more father and son have conducted the largest stores in their respective lines in Poweshiek county, their combined stocks representing an aggregate investment of seventy thousand dollars. The name of McMurray is a synonym for progressiveness in commercial lines and their activities have constituted a standard that others have followed.

George H. McMurray was reared at home, acquiring his education in the public schools and also in a boarding school at Clinton, Iowa, where he finished the work of the freshman year. From the early age of twelve years, however, he has devoted much of his time to merchandising, assisting in his father's store when not in school. In 1882 he embarked in merchandising on his own account, forming a partnership with Wesley Manatt, in which connection they established business under the firm name of McMurray & Manatt. After five years they sold out and George H. McMurray and his brother J. H. McMurray, Jr., organized the firm of McMurray Brothers and opened a store in Grinnell. The business relation between them was maintained for five years, at the end of which time, in 1892, the father returned from California and George H. McMurray sold his interest to him and opened his present clothing business, which he has successfully carried on for the past eighteen years. He is today the leading clothier of Poweshiek county, employs five people and conducts a very extensive business. During much of this period he has been interested in branch stores at West Union and Anita, Iowa, and elsewhere. However, he has since disposed of these and now gives much of his time to the operation of a valuable farm of four hundred acres which he owns in Chester township. On this place he raises horses and feeds cattle and also carries on the usual farm work in the production of grain. He leads an extremely busy and useful life and his determined nature enables him to carry forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes. His cooperation is counted a valuable asset in any business venture and it is felt that his aid will secure a prosperous outcome. He was one of the organizers of the Citizens' National Bank and is a member of its board of directors. He readily solves intricate and involved financial problems and seems to see from the circumference to the very center of things, recognizing with almost unerring judgment the possibilities for the attainment of success in any given connection.

On the 6th of July, 1886, Mr. McMurray was married to Miss Margaret C. Wright, of Brooklyn, this county, and unto them have been born three children:

Harry F., who is now a senior in Grinnell College; Arthur R., who is pursuing the work of the junior year; and Donald J., who is yet a student in the public schools. The family are prominent socially and their own home is most attractive by reason of its warm-hearted and cordial hospitality. Mr. McMurray is a member of Brooklyn Lodge, No. 174, A. F. & A. M., and he gives his political allegiance to the republican party, but has never been an aspirant for office. Many look to him as the leader in all public enterprises and follow his example, for it is known that his judgment is sound and his loyalty to the best interests of the community above question.

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### JOHN BAKER.

John Baker, a former agriculturist of Poweshiek county, who is now living retired in Searsboro, was born in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, on the 3d of November, 1834. His parents were Richard and Catherine (Thompson) Baker, also natives of Beaver county, the father having been born on the 22d of February, 1799, and the mother in 1807. The father who during the entire period of his active life engaged in farming, was living retired at the time of his death, which occurred on the 2d of December, 1882. His wife survived him for almost two years thereafter, her demise occurring on the 9th of October, 1884. He voted for the candidates of the democratic party, and while residing in Pennsylvania he acted as postmaster at Baker's Bank. Sixteen children were born of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Baker, the order of their birth being as follows: James, who died in Andersonville prison during the Civil war; Sophronia, who is a resident of Detroit, Michigan; William, who is deceased; Sidney, the widow of William Beatty, of Beaver county, Pennsylvania; Lorenzo B., who was killed at the siege of Vicksburg; John, our subject; Thomson, who is living at Ansley, Custer county, Nebraska; Sarah, the widow of Benjamin James, of Lawrence county, Pennsylvania; Mary Ann, the widow of Fred Stralia, of Beaver county, Pennsylvania; George, who is a resident of Butler county, Pennsylvania; Matilda, the widow of Walter Craig, of Pittsburg; Nancy Jane, the wife of Walter Swagers, of Lawrence county, Pennsylvania; Catherine, the wife of Robert Mills, of Custer county, Nebraska; Wesley B., also a resident of Custer county, Nebraska; Robert, who died in the army; and Rachel, the widow of Mr. Wood, of Lawrence county, Pennsylvania.

The first twenty-two years in the life of John Baker were spent on the homestead where he was born and reared, his education being acquired in the district schools of Beaver county. After laying aside his text-books he assisted his father in the work of the homestead until April, 1856, at which time he migrated to Iowa. Upon his arrival in this state he first located in Mahaska county, where he worked by the month as a farm hand. In 1859 he came to Poweshiek county, settling in Sugar Creek township where for a time he continued to do farm work. In 1888 he purchased forty acres of land, in the cultivation of which he met with such success that he was later able to add another forty acres to his tract. He still owns this property, but has for some time

been living retired in Searsboro. Mr. Baker followed general farming. He also had a fine orchard and made a specialty of raising stock.

On the 24th of March, 1859, Mr. Baker was married to Miss Julia Stanley, a daughter of John T. and Mary (Berry) Stanley, of Sugar Creek township, Poweshiek county. Mrs. Baker was born in Miami county, Ohio, on the 11th of June, 1835, her parents having resided there for about twenty years. Both Mr. and Mrs. Stanley were natives of Virginia, from which state they migrated to Ohio, settling in Miami county in 1830. In 1851 they came to Iowa, settling on a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Sugar Creek township, Poweshiek county, which Mr. Stanley purchased. He later added to this another eighty acres, continuing to make his home on the farm until his death on the 27th of March, 1888. The mother survived him until the 15th of August, 1890. He was a supporter of the democracy and served as township trustee, while both he and his wife held membership in the Baptist church. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Baker numbered six children, five of whom are now surviving: Mary C., the wife of Paul Nelson, of Rochester, Minnesota; Wesley, who is a resident of Kendall, Missouri; Lucy Jane, who is deceased; George, who makes his home in Mahaska county, Iowa; Clarissa; and Cora, the wife of Bert Sexton, of Sugar Creek township.

The family always worshipped in the Christian church, of which Mrs. Baker is a member, and fraternally Mr. Baker has been affiliated with the Masonic order for forty-three years. His political support he gives to the republican party, and for several years served as road supervisor. Many notable changes have taken place in Poweshiek county during the long period of Mr. Baker's residence, in all of which he has ever taken a keen interest.

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#### CHARLES SWECKER.

Charles Swecker is the owner of two hundred and forty acres of land in Jefferson township, which he has brought to a high state of cultivation and which yields him a handsome annual income.

He is a native of this county, and was born in Jefferson township, January 25, 1873, a son of Abraham and Lydia (Niswander) Swecker, who were both natives of Virginia. The father was reared as a farmer and came to Poweshiek county, Iowa, with his family in the spring of 1872. He engaged successfully in agriculture and stock-raising and became the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of good land, which he cultivated for over thirty years. He then retired to Hartwick, where he died in July, 1906. The mother is still living and resides at Belle Plaine.

Charles Swecker, of this review, possessed good opportunities of education in the common schools, and under his father became well acquainted with all classes of work pertaining to agriculture and stock-raising. In 1894 he began working on his own account on the old homestead north of Hartwick, and in the spring of 1910 removed to his present location on section 34, where he engages in general agriculture, also raising cattle and hogs for the market.



He cultivates the soil to good advantage and his farm yields a reliable income. The buildings are all in excellent order and he and his family have one of the most comfortable homes in the township.

In 1897 Mr. Swecker was married to Miss Myrtle Wilson, a daughter of Jay Wilson, and to this union one child, Rex. J., was born. The mother of this child died May 3, 1898, and in September, 1899, Mr. Swecker was again married, his second union being with Kathrine McIlrath, a daughter of James McIlrath, a well known farmer of Jefferson township. To the second marriage of Mr. Swecker four children have been born, namely: Wayne James, Charles Wilson; Myrtle E.; and Eleanor L.

Mr. Swecker casts his ballot in support of the republican party. He has never sought the honors or emoluments of public office, but served with general approval as member of the school board. Religiously he is connected with the Congregational church at Hartwick. He is known as an up-to-date farmer and an intelligent and broad-minded man, one who may be depended upon to lend a hand in forwarding every movement that aims to promote the general welfare.

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#### CHARLES H. HALL.

Farming claims the time and attention of Charles H. Hall, who owns and operates a well improved farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Scott township, as well as a tract of eighty acres in Bear Creek township. He is a native of the latter township, born July 27, 1873, a son of George and Katharine (Deardorff) Hall, who are mentioned in connection with the sketch of O. D. Hall, a brother of our subject, on another page of this work. Their family numbered nine children but only seven are now living.

Charles H. Hall was reared on the home farm in Bear Creek township and was early trained to the work of plowing, planting and harvesting during the spring and summer months, while in the winter season he attended the district schools. He remained under the parental roof until he reached mature years, when he began working out by the month as a farm hand. He was thus employed for three years, when, having saved sufficient capital, he began farming on his own account. As his financial resources have permitted he has invested in land and today owns one hundred and sixty acres on section 6, Scott township, where he resides, and eighty acres in Bear Creek township. Both tracts are improved with good buildings, and his fields are in a cultivable state, from which he annually gathers abundant harvests.

Mr. Hall was married in March, 1898, to Miss Nellie Robertson, who was born in Scott township, December 28, 1871, a daughter of Charles and Annie (Gibbs) Robertson, both of whom were natives of Scotland but were reared and married in New York. The father came west with his family at an early day and accumulated three hundred and twenty acres of land in Poweshiek county. He died here in early life, in 1886, when but forty-five years of age, while his wife passed away in 1893 at the age of fifty-two. They had two daughters and a son: Nellie, now Mrs. Hall; Thomas, a resident of Scott town-

ship; and Maggie, the wife of William Johnson, a resident of Brooklyn. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hall have been born four children: Lester, Grace, Ray and Lyle.

Politically Mr. Hall is a democrat. Having spent their entire lives in Poweshiek county, both Mr. and Mrs. Hall are well and favorably known, having a wide circle of friends in their home locality.

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### WILLIAM McCLURE.

The position which William McClure holds in the agricultural circles of Poweshiek county is indicated by the fact that for the past five years he has served as president of the Poweshiek County Central Agricultural Society of Malcom. He was born in Scott county, Iowa, in 1861, a son of James and Mary (Corrough) McClure, both natives of County Down, Ireland. They were reared and married in their native country and later came to Iowa, locating in Scott county. Subsequently they took up their abode in Muscatine county, where the mother passed away in 1872, at the age of forty-six years. The father came to Poweshiek county in February, 1879, and here engaged in general farming for many years, making his home upon his farm two miles east of Malcom until the time of his death, which occurred about 1891, when he was sixty-nine years of age. He and his wife were the parents of ten children, seven sons and three daughters, of which number three sons and two daughters still survive.

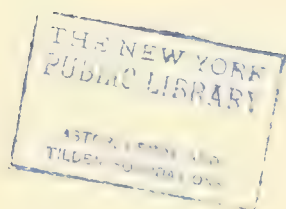
William McClure, who was the fifth in order of birth, spent the period of his boyhood and youth in his native county and there acquired his education. He has been a resident of Poweshiek county since February, 1879, when he came to this county with his father, with whom he resided on the old homestead farm until twelve years ago, when he purchased his present home. His farm consists of three hundred and fifty-one acres, located on sections 23 and 14, and is a highly improved property, equipped with all modern conveniences. His fields are inclosed by neat, well kept fences, and upon the place are found a comfortable dwelling, a large barn, sixty-four by eighty feet, and substantial outbuildings. Everything about the place indicates that he is in touch with the modern spirit of progress which is manifest in agricultural lines. During the past three years he has rented his farm. He now rents his land but continues to live on his farm and gives his attention to his stock. He is engaged in general farming and stock-raising and so manages his interests that he is winning most gratifying success.

In October, 1908, Mr. McClure was united in marriage to Mrs. Elizabeth (Moses) Johnson, a daughter of Simon and Catharine Moses, her birth occurring in Monona, Iowa, on the 27th of July, 1876. Unto them have been born two children, Kathryn Elizabeth and William James. By a former marriage Mrs. McClure had a son, Raymond C. Johnson, now a lad six years of age.

Mr. McClure is well known in fraternal circles as a member of the Knights of Pythias and also of the Masonic order, belonging to Lily Lodge, No. 254.



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A. F. & A. M., and to Hyssop Chapter, R. A. M., both of Malcom. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church and in politics he gives stalwart support to the republican party. He is now serving as township trustee and for the past three years has acted as secretary of the township school board. In whatever relation he has been found, whether in public, private or business life, he has ever manifested the most loyal and public-spirited citizenship, strongly advocating and upholding every measure which has for its object the material, political, intellectual or moral growth of the community. As president of the Poweshiek County Central Agricultural Association, which position he has occupied for the past five years, he has come into contact with the farming element throughout the county and his efforts in behalf of progress and advancement along agricultural and kindred lines have been potent factors in stimulating the interest and action of his fellowmen in that direction.

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### JOSEPH D. CARPENTER.

No resident of Poweshiek county has achieved greater success in agricultural pursuits than has Joseph D. Carpenter, whose beautiful home on section 3, Pleasant township, is one of the most attractive spots in this locality. He was born at Pownal, Vermont, and comes of old Revolutionary stock, his ancestors in both the paternal and maternal lines having fought in the war for independence. He was the only son of Joseph I. and Augusta E. (Gardner) Carpenter, who were also natives of Pownal, where the father's birth occurred in 1821 and the mother's in 1829. The latter, who passed away when her son was but three days old, was born on the old homestead on which her father and her son were both born. She was the daughter of Captain David Gardner, who died in 1866 at the age of eighty-two years, and a sister of Abram Gardner, lieutenant governor of Vermont at one time and also a well known and prominent lawyer of that state. The Gardner family was one of the first to settle at Pownal, Vermont, and the old homestead in which our subject was born, still remains in the family, being now owned by his cousin. Shortly after the death of his wife Joseph Carpenter went to Illinois, locating in Bureau county, and in 1857 he was joined by his son, who was reared in that county. The father engaged in the lumber business in Princeton until his son was eleven years of age, when they removed to a farm near that city and there he passed his remaining days. His death occurred at Princeton in September, 1902. By a second marriage he had become the father of four sons and a daughter.

Joseph D. Carpenter, whose name introduces this review, spent his early life in Princeton and Bureau county, Illinois, and in 1877 came to Poweshiek county, where he has since maintained his residence. His home place consists of half of section 3, Pleasant township, about two and a half miles southwest of Malcom, and is one of the finely improved and valuable properties of this section. In its midst stands the beautiful residence which Mr. Carpenter erected in 1907, containing fifteen rooms, all equipped with the most modern

improvements. In the rear are substantial buildings and on the place is found every convenience for facilitating farm labor. In addition to the cultivation of this property Mr. Carpenter gives considerable attention to his extensive live-stock interests, being one of the heaviest stock-feeders and shippers in the county. He ships an average of ten carloads of stock annually and has also shipped as high as one hundred carloads a year. Prosperity has attended him in the conduct of his affairs, for he possesses in large measure those qualities which are positive forces in the acquirement of financial independence, and as success has come to him he has purchased more land, being now the owner of three valuable farms aside from his home place. His wife also possesses considerable property in her own right and, together with their children, they now own about one thousand acres of good land in Poweshiek county.

Mr. Carpenter was married, on the 10th of June, 1875, at Princeton, Illinois, to Miss Minerva E. Judd, who was born in that city on the 27th of October, 1852. She is a daughter of Eli P. Judd, now deceased, a very wealthy man of whom mention is made on another page in this volume. Unto this union have been born nine children as follows: Sarah A., who has filled the office of county superintendent of schools since January 1, 1911; David Eli, of Pleasant township; Flora, the wife of William C. Stimson, of Scott township; Reynolds R., also of that township; Joseph L., of Pleasant township; Forest D., still under the parental roof; Vera, a teacher residing at home; Lodi, at home; and Hazel, who is engaged in teaching.

Mr. Carpenter is a member of the Masonic order, holding membership in Lily Lodge, No. 54, A. F. & A. M., at Malcom, and in politics is a republican. The honors and emoluments of office, however, have never possessed any attraction for him, for he has desired to concentrate his energies upon his personal business affairs. Substantial and enviable success has come to him as the legitimate and logical result of his well directed efforts, for with him perseverance, diligence and integrity have constituted the guiding posts of life, bringing him to the honorable and prominent position which he now occupies in the opinion of his fellow citizens, among whom he has so long lived and labored.

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#### EDWIN E. HARRIS, M. D.

Dr. Edwin E. Harris, physician and surgeon, who in the practice of medicine gives evidence of his comprehensive understanding of the principles upon which his work is based and whose ability is further attested in the large practice that is accorded him, was born in Fremont county, Iowa, January 2, 1867. His parents were Jared J. and Mary E. (Ewell) Harris, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Iowa, and they were married in Fremont county, Iowa. The father was reared in his native state and there enlisted for service in the Civil war, becoming a member of the Seventeenth Ohio Infantry. He was with that command for less than a year when he was discharged on account of illness, after which he came west for his health. Later

he reenlisted in the Fourth Iowa Cavalry and served until the close of the war. Following the cessation of hostilities he was married and took up his abode in Fremont county, Iowa. In early life he had studied pharmacy and for some years practiced his profession. After the war he took up the study of law and was admitted to the bar, practicing for eight or nine years in Sidney, Iowa. In 1876 he went to California, where he entered upon the work of the ministry, preaching the gospel for about seven years in the Methodist Episcopal church. About 1882 he returned to Fremont county and turned his attention to educational work. After teaching school for a short period he was elected county superintendent of schools, in which position he served for three terms, or six years. On the expiration of his third term of office he retired from active life and five years later again went to California, where his death occurred in 1903. His wife is still living on the Pacific coast, her home being in Berkeley, California.

Dr. Harris was reared under the parental roof and became a student in Tabor College, being graduated therefrom on the completion of the English course with the class of 1891. Prior to this time he had taken up teaching as a profession and in 1891 and 1892 was principal of the schools of Elliott, Iowa, but resigned his position to enter upon preparation for the practice of medicine. He pursued his studies in both Columbia University and in the Howard University Medical School at Washington, D. C., and in both institutions he acted also as teacher of chemistry. He received his degree from Howard University in 1895 and then came west, settling first in Tabor, Iowa. Both he and his wife were graduates of the same school and in 1908 they went abroad, returning the following year. While in Europe Dr. Harris pursued a special course of study in London and in Vienna and in the latter city he received his zeugnis, or diploma. On his return in 1909 he took post-graduate work at the Johns Hopkins University of Baltimore, Maryland. Later he located in Grinnell. He had also done special work in Rome and in Paris. He devotes a portion of almost every summer to post-graduate study either in Chicago or New York and is one of the best equipped physicians and surgeons of this section of the west. His knowledge is most accurate and comprehensive and wide experience as well as research has made him a man of pronounced ability.

In 1894 Dr. Harris was married to Miss Louise A. Fairfield, of Washington, D. C., a daughter of the Rev. F. W. Fairfield, D. D., professor of Greek in Tabor University, who later held the same position in Howard University in Washington, D. C., becoming acting president of the latter institution. Unto Dr. and Mrs. Harris have been born three children, of whom two are living: Frederick F., who is a graduate of the Grinnell high school; and Eleanor F. The parents are members of the Congregational church and Dr. Harris is now president of the choir. He belongs to Herman Lodge, No. 273, A. F. & A. M. The duties and demands of his profession leave him little time for social pleasures, but his friends and his patients find him a congenial, courteous gentleman of hopeful nature and of cordial disposition. He is a member of the county, state and national medical societies and for years has served as secretary of the county society. Words of commendation are spoken concerning

him not only by the general public but by the profession as well, for his fellow practitioners recognize his superior worth and ability in a calling where advancement depends entirely upon individual merit.

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#### ERNEST EDWIN LINCOLN.

At the early age of four years Ernest Edwin Lincoln arrived in America with his parents from England. He has, perhaps, but a faint recollection of the green fields and crowded cities of the British Isles. In Poweshiek county he has spent about forty-five years of his life. He is now one of the honored citizens of Washington township and the owner of one of its highly productive farms.

He was born on Isle Sheppy, fifty miles east of London, in the Thames river, November 8, 1849, a son of Edward and Amy (Mapstead) Lincoln. The father was born at Chillham, a suburb of London, and the mother at Charing Cross. They were married in the old country and came to the United States in 1853, taking up their residence near Columbus, Ohio, where Mr. Lincoln rented a farm for twelve years. He then came to Washington township, Poweshiek county, Iowa, and purchased one hundred and twenty acres upon which he established his family homestead. He died June 9, 1882, the mother being called away on the 4th of March, 1884. They were both baptized in the faith of the Episcopal church and the father gave his political support to the republican party. There were nine children in their family: John F. and George, both of whom are deceased; Mary Ann, who married George Simmons, of Grinnell; Edward, living in Washington, this county; Henry W., who is now living near Columbus, Ohio; Jane and Charles, both of whom are deceased; Ernest Edwin, of this review, and Amy, also deceased.

Ernest Edwin Lincoln was educated in the public schools of Ohio and as he grew to manhood assisted his father in the work upon the home farm. He came to Poweshiek county with his parents and inherited forty acres of the family estate, to which he added one hundred and sixty acres by purchase. Subsequently he disposed of his land and acquired his present farm of four hundred acres. He also owned sixty acres in the west side of the township, which he has sold his son. He erected the buildings, which are substantial and slightly, and has made many other improvements, the place being one of the valuable properties of the township. His business interests are well managed and he is a man of energy and determination, the reward he received as the result of his efforts being well merited.

On the 26th of December, 1876, Mr. Lincoln was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Thompson, who was born in Mercer county, Illinois, May 4, 1858, a daughter of Alexander and Mary (Robson) Thompson. The father was born near Belfast, Ireland, and the mother also at the same place. They were married in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, having come to the United States in 1851. After their marriage they removed to Mercer county, Illinois, where Mr. Thompson purchased a farm. Subsequently he disposed of his property and



came to Iowa, purchasing one hundred and sixty acres in Jasper county, and applied himself with such diligence that he became the owner of six hundred and forty acres of good land. He is now retired from active labor and has reached the age of eighty-four years. The beloved wife and mother died April 14, 1909, being then eighty-two years of age. Mr. Thompson is a member of the Presbyterian church, as was also his wife, and in politics he gives his allegiance to the democratic party. Eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln, namely: Alexander, of Washington township, who is married and has two children, Elsie Elizabeth and Alice Mary; Ernest, also of Washington township, who is married and has two children, Frances Elizabeth and Roy Ernest; David, of Washington township, who is married and has five children; Emma May, Albert Ernest, Grace Susan, William David and Harry Ralph; Charles, of Washington township, who is married and has two children, George Edwin and Ross Arthur; Susan Mary, who married B. N. Whittaker, of Washington township, and has one child, Ona Elizabeth; John E., deceased; and Francis Henry and George Edward, both of whom are at home.

In politics Mr. Lincoln is independent, preferring to cast his ballot for the man rather than in support of any party organization. He is active in local affairs and has held most of the township offices, including those of trustee and road supervisor. He is greatly interested in education and for twenty-five years past has served as a member of the school board. He has an intimate knowledge of the development of Poweshiek county and through his genial characteristics has gained many warm friends, who regard him as one of the most capable and useful men in the township.

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#### ROBERT A. MORTLAND.

Among the native sons of Montezuma Robert A. Mortland is numbered. He is now well known in journalistic circles in Poweshiek county as editor of the Palladium and is a partner of his father, R. L. Mortland, in the ownership of the paper. He has always remained a resident of his native city and after mastering the branches of learning taught in the graded schools he became a high school student and was graduated in 1891. In the years 1894 and 1895 he was a student in the state university, after which he became associated with his father in newspaper publication, assuming the management of the Poweshiek County Palladium, having been in control of this paper since its establishment in 1895. In its publication he keeps in touch with the most advanced ideas of progressive journalism and gives to the public a readable journal, which because of its large and growing circulation is also an excellent advertising medium and has secured a good support in that connection.

On the 23d of August, 1906, Mr. Mortland was married to Miss Katharine Harden, who was born in Montezuma, a daughter of T. J. Harden. They now have one child, Ruth Elizabeth. In his fraternal relations Mr. Mortland is a Knight of Pythias and an Odd Fellow. His political allegiance has always been given to the democratic party since age conferred upon him the right of fran-

chise and he has served on the county and congressional committees and at the present writing is filling the office of town clerk, which position he has occupied since 1897, or for a period of fourteen years. His long retention in this office stands as incontrovertible proof of his ability and fidelity. The consensus of public opinion places Robert A. Mortland in a prominent position as one of the leading and influential men of his native city and as one whose labors have been effective and far-reaching forces for the general good.

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### JOHN HENRY STANLEY.

John Henry Stanley, who is now living retired in Searsboro, was born in Miami county, Ohio, on the 21st of July, 1838, and is a son of John T. and Mary (Barber) Stanley. The parents were both natives of Virginia, the father having been born in Halifax county on the 25th of July, 1806, and the mother in Vermont county on the 12th of August, 1811. They were reared and educated in their native state, where they were also married. Subsequently they migrated to Ohio, locating on a farm which they rented in Miami county in 1833. They continued to reside in the Buckeye state until 1851, when they came to Poweshiek county and entered one hundred and sixty acres of land in Sugar Creek township. Later Mr. Stanley purchased eighty acres of school land, which he cleared and improved, continuing to engage in general farming until about three years prior to his demise, when he retired. He passed away on the 26th of March, 1888, and his wife in August, 1890. He voted with the democratic party and served for several years as township trustee, while both he and his wife held membership in the Baptist church. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Stanley were born eight children: Martha J., who is deceased; Julia A., the wife of John Baker, a resident of Poweshiek county; Mary E., the wife of John English, of Sugar Creek township; John Henry, our subject; James T., who is living in Mahaska county; Granville M., who is deceased; Lawson M., also a resident of Mahaska county; and William, who is deceased.

The district schools of Sugar Creek township provided John Henry Stanley with his educational advantages. After laying aside his text-books he gave his entire time and attention to the work of the farm until he had attained his majority. He subsequently bought forty acres of land from his father, which he cultivated for a time and then disposing of it he went to Kansas, locating in Norton county. At the end of a year he returned to Sugar Creek township where he bought eighty acres of land; selling this, later he purchased fifty acres elsewhere in the township. Five years thereafter he bought the old homestead which he retained until 1898, when he traded it to B. T. Vestal for a stock of general merchandise in Searsboro. After conducting the store for eighteen months he traded it for a farm in Sugar Creek township, which he sold later, and once more bought the old homestead. He operated this for two years and then came to Searsboro, where he erected a building and again engaged in the mercantile business, being associated with his son, Robert H. in the conduct of same. Two years later he sold this business to I. S. Saunders

and bought a livery stable, which he conducted for three years, but he is now renting it. At the present time Mr. Stanley is practically living a retired life in Searsboro, where he owns a very comfortable residence.

On the 11th of March, 1860, Mr. Stanley was united in marriage to Miss Cornelia Reed, a daughter of William and Eliza (Reed) Reed, of Sugar Creek township. The parents were born in North Carolina in 1814, and there the father engaged in farming until his demise. Mrs. Stanley is also a native of North Carolina her birth having occurred in Perquimans county on the 16th of May, 1840. Following the death of her husband Mrs. Reed removed with her family to Indiana, locating in the vicinity of Richmond, where she later married Philip Reed. In 1854 the family came to Poweshiek county and settled on an eighty acre farm in Sugar Creek township which Mr. Reed bought. Here the mother passed away in March, 1865. He went to California later and there engaged in farming until his death. He was a republican in politics and both Mr. and Mrs. Reed affiliated with the United Brethren church. Of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley there were born seven children: Charles L., who is a resident of Malcom township; Mary F., who married John Stilwell, of South Dakota; Emma E., the wife of David Miller, of New Sharon, Mahaska county, Iowa; Ella E., who married Jefferson Gordon, of Oskaloosa; Robert H., who is living in Searsboro; Minnie M., who married Clarence Main, of Sugar Creek township; and Ellen, who died in infancy.

Fraternally Mr. Stanley is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having been a member of Searsboro Lodge, No. 335, for thirty-three years, during which time he has held the various chairs, while Mrs. Stanley is a member of the Society of Friends. Mr. Stanley's political allegiance is given to the democratic party, and he has served two years as township trustee, while for ten years he was a member of the school board, during six of which he was secretary, and at the present time he is serving his third term as clerk of the township. Nearly the entire life of Mr. Stanley has been spent in Poweshiek county, where he has made many friends whose regard he still retains.

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### FREDERICK ELLIOTT SPAULDING.

Frederick Elliott Spaulding, a prominent vehicle manufacturer of Grinnell, is associated in business with H. W. and E. H. Spaulding. He is also a director of the Ohio Valley Bending Company, the Mercer Wheel Company and the Moline Pole and Shaft Company. His birth occurred in Grinnell, Iowa, on the 29th of November, 1877, his parents being Henry W. and Miriam Jane (Lull) Spaulding. He supplemented his preliminary education by a course of study in Grinnell College, which institution conferred upon him the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy in 1899, while the following year he won the same degree from Princeton University of Princeton, New Jersey. On starting out in business life he joined his father in the manufacture of vehicles and in 1900 his brother, E. H. Spaulding, also became a member of the firm.

On the 3d of October, 1900, at Sibley, Iowa, Mr. Spaulding was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude Morse Brown, a daughter of Charles E. Brown of that place. Unto them has been born one child, Elizabeth Jane Spaulding.

Mr. Spaulding gives his political allegiance to the republican party, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Congregational church of Grinnell. His fraternal relations are with the Masons and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and he also belongs to the Poweshiek Club. His entire life has been spent in Grinnell and he has won an enviable reputation as a successful business man and respected citizen.

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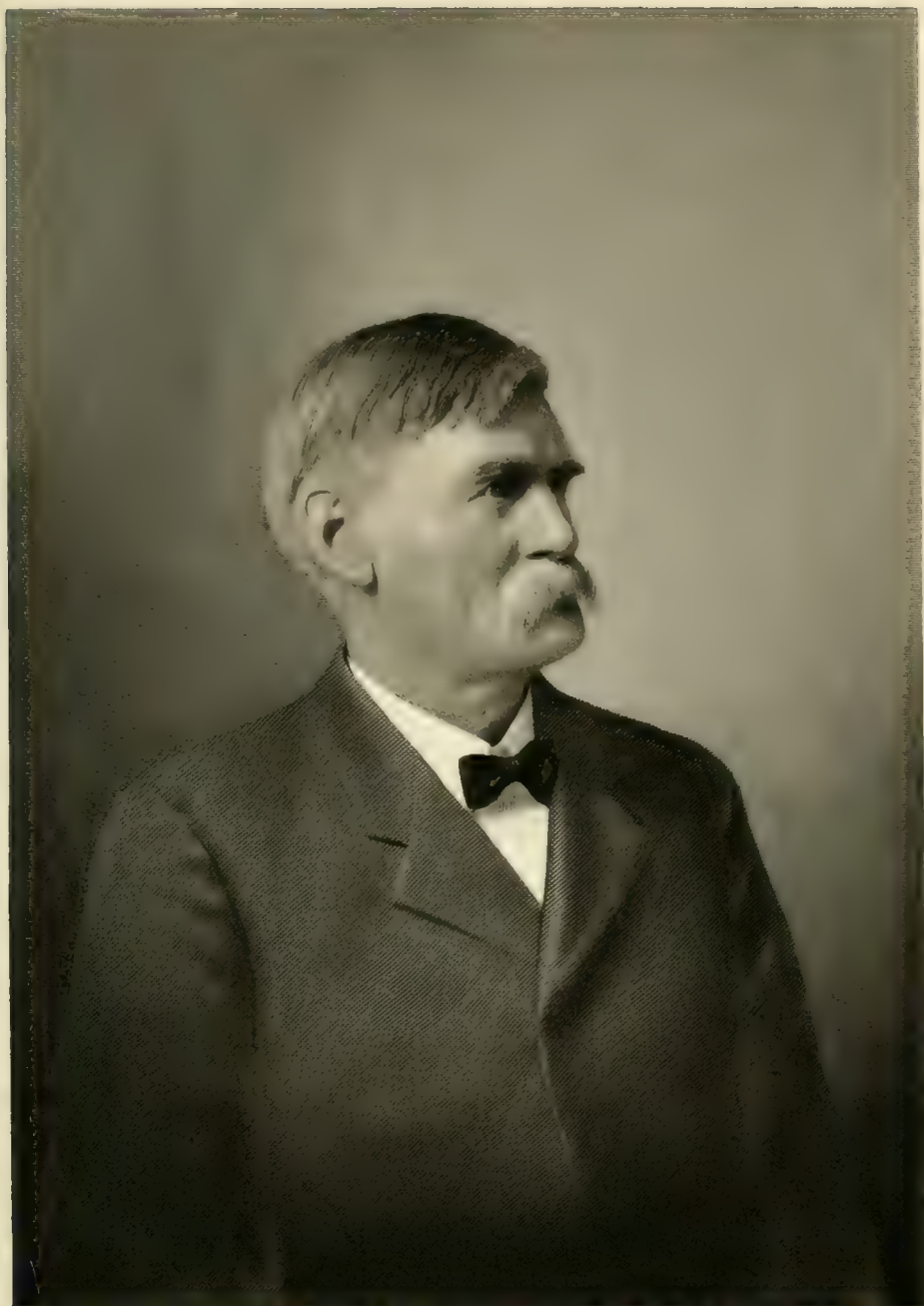
### ALFRED W. HEACOCK.

A residence of more than forty years in Iowa has given Alfred W. Heacock an opportunity of becoming well acquainted with the agricultural resources of the state and also of acquiring a valuable farm which he owns in Poweshiek county. He is a native of Henry county, Indiana, born August 8, 1844, and is a son of Salathiel and Anna (Weeks) Heacock. The father was born in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, and the mother near Rochester, New York. They were married in Henry county, Indiana. Salathiel Heacock received his education in Bucks county and after laying his books aside worked as a cabinet-maker but later removed to Henry county, Indiana, where he became identified with agricultural interests, continuing there during the remainder of his life. His wife died at Spiceland, Henry county. He was a member of the Society of Friends and politically gave his support to the republican party. He never was an office seeker but served acceptably as a member of the school board. There were five children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Heacock, namely: Alfred W., Mary, now the widow of Peter Rifner, of Spiceland, Henry county, Indiana; Lydia Ann, of Easthaven, Wayne county, Indiana; John, of Spiceland; and Charles, deceased.

Alfred W. Heacock was educated in the public schools of Henry county and later attended Spiceland Academy and the Sullivan Teachers Normal School at Sullivan, Indiana. He taught school in Henry county and later in Sullivan county, but being attracted to agricultural pursuits, gave up teaching and began farming in Henry county. In 1870 he came to Iowa and located in Washington township, Poweshiek county, where he now lives. He began farming in this county upon a place of fifty acres, but as his resources increased he purchased more land until he now has two hundred and twenty-five acres. By diligence and systematic application he has greatly increased the productive capacity of the fields, and he has also erected buildings and improved the farm until it is one of the pleasing features of the landscape. He receives abundant annual returns from the labor and capital expended, all of which is the result of his wisely applied energies.

On the 8th of September, 1869, Mr. Heacock was married to Miss Sarah E. De Bord, who was born in Hawkins county, Tennessee, January 9, 1852, a daughter of John and Jemima (Heron) De Bord, both of whom were natives of





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West Virginia. The father was a farmer and fruit-grower and took up his residence in Henry county, Indiana, in 1853. Later he removed to Hancock county, Indiana, where he and his wife lived for twenty years. They died near Greenfield after having journeyed together in loving companionship for fifty-six years. They were both earnest members of the Baptist church and he was an ordained minister of that denomination. Politically he gave his support to the republican party.

Eleven children came to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Heacock: Bertha, who married Edgar Williams, of Jasper county, Iowa; Mary, the wife of William McDowell, of Oak Grove, Poweshiek county, a record of whom appears elsewhere in this review; John Orla, of South Dakota, who was married February 27, 1900, to Genie Thompson, of Kellogg, Iowa; Louie Pearl, deceased; Mabel, who became the wife of Enos Norman, of Grinnell township; Ella, the wife of Henry Marshall, of Jasper county; Lizzie, who became the wife of John Poots, of Jasper county; Clifford, deceased; Arthur, at home, who married Alice Godfrey; Reppie, deceased; and Olivett, who married Nellie Thorp and is living at home.

In political belief Mr. Heacock is a prohibitionist, as he is firmly of the opinion that the saloon is the greatest evil in the country. The estimate in which he is held by the voters of the township is shown in the fact that he filled the responsible office of justice of the peace for eight years. He has also served as a member of the school board and is always ready to assist in promoting the welfare of this section. Religiously he adheres to the Society of Friends, and his life has in an important measure been controlled by the simple faith of that organization. He was an officer and overseer in the church for many years. He ranks as one of the leaders in Poweshiek county and is a man who conscientiously strives to follow in the footsteps of the Master.

(Mr. Heacock passed away April 9, 1911, after the above biography was written. On the opposite page is a steel portrait of Mr. Heacock, arranged for by his widow.)

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### JOHN CAUDLE.

One of the enterprising young agriculturists of Poweshiek county is John Caudle, who is engaged in general farming in Union township. He was born in Sugar Creek township, this county, on the 4th of August, 1882, and is a son of Jacob C. and Mary (Watson) Caudle, the father a native of North Carolina and the mother of Sugar Creek township. Jacob C. Caudle, who was a farmer, migrated to Iowa in his early manhood and located in Poweshiek county. He first engaged in agricultural pursuits in Sugar Creek township, where he rented land and later he bought a farm which he cultivated for a time. On disposing of it he bought the place in Union township upon which his son John now resides. The father is now living retired in New Sharon, Iowa, but the mother passed away on the 23d of June, 1892. Three children were born of this union: Cora, who is the wife of Alford Allen, of Sugar Creek township; Hattie, who is deceased; and John, our subject. The fam-

ily worshipped with the Baptist denomination, of which church Mr. Caudle is a member, while in politics he is a democrat and has served as a member of the school board.

The education of John Caudle was acquired in the district schools in the vicinity of his home. After he had obtained a sufficient knowledge of the common branches to enable him to assume the heavier responsibilities of life he laid aside his text-books and gave his undivided attention to agricultural pursuits. He continued to remain at home with his father until he was twenty-three years of age and then rented land, which he cultivated until 1906, when he purchased his present farm of his father. This contains fifty acres of land, all of which is under a good state of cultivation and well rewards the efforts of Mr. Caudle, who is engaged in general farming.

In Union township on the 1st of April, 1906, Mr. Caudle married Miss Rosie Elmira Vought, a daughter of Robert and Jennie (Johnson) Vought. Her father is a native of Pennsylvania, having been born in the vicinity of Pittsburgh, and her mother of Iowa. Mr. Vought, who is a farmer, in his early manhood located in Missouri but later came to Poweshiek county, Iowa, locating in Union township, where he continues to be engaged in agricultural pursuits. He votes the democratic ticket and Mrs. Vought belongs to the Christian church. Their daughter, Mrs. Caudle, is a native of Poweshiek county, having been born in Union township on the 14th of July, 1888. Mr. and Mrs. Caudle have two children: Mary Elnora, who was born on the 1st of October, 1907; and Fannie Christine, whose birth occurred on the 18th of August, 1909.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Caudle affiliate with the Christian church and he votes with the democracy, feeling that their policy is best adapted to subserve the interests of the majority. Since starting out in life for himself Mr. Caudle has given evidence of possessing the perseverance and foresight as well as executive ability essential for success in any vocation.

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### PHILIP HEISHMAN.

Some men are endowed at birth with the faculty for business which is further developed by practical experience, and naturally become leaders in the community. To this class belongs Philip Heishman, of Sheridan township. He was born in Hardy county, Virginia, now West Virginia, May 29, 1838, a son of Philip and Rebecca (Bowers) Heishman. The parents were both natives of Hardy county and spent their entire lives in that county. The father died at the age of eighty-two years, the mother having been called away twenty years previously. The grandparents were John and Marv Heishman, natives of Germany, who came to America and settled in West Virginia.

Philip Heishman spent his boyhood years on his father's farm, and continued there until he was married. He then began farming on his own account upon rented land. In 1861 he answered the call of the south, enlisting as a private in Company I, Eighteenth Virginia Cavalry. For four years he wore the gray, serving on scout duty on the left flank under Stonewall Jackson, and



later under General Early. He participated in a number of prominent battles and in skirmishes in the Shenandoah Valley and was captured at Winchester, January 3, 1863, and conducted as a prisoner of war to Harper's Ferry. Later he was confined at Camp Chase, Columbus, Ohio, where for two months he enjoyed northern hospitality. Then he was confined at Fort Delaware, where he remained a prisoner of war until June 20, 1865, when he was released and returned to his home, via Baltimore, Maryland. After laying aside the accouterments of war he took up farming and after two years removed to Delaware county, Indiana, where he rented land for ten years. Having accumulated sufficient capital, he came to Poweshiek county, Iowa, in 1877 and purchased one hundred and sixty acres in Sheridan township, upon which is now his homestead. At various times he acquired more land until he is the owner of six hundred acres in the garden spot of Iowa, four hundred acres of which are located in section 13, eighty acres in section 11, and forty acres in section 14, of Sheridan township, and eighty acres in section 18, Madison township. The land is well drained and excellent buildings have been erected, the farm being one of the largest and best in this part of the county. All of the land is under cultivation. Mr. Heishman is an extensive raiser of corn, oats and grass. He is also a large breeder of horses and of full-blooded Duroc Jersey hogs. He feeds three hundred head of hogs yearly and also feeds three carloads of cattle for the market each winter. As is readily to be seen, he farms upon an exceptionally large scale and prides himself on the fact that he has never gone into debt for a single acre of the land he now owns.

On the 9th of June, 1859, Mr. Heishman was united in marriage in Hardy county, Virginia, to Miss Maggie Richman, a daughter of Daniel and Lydia Richman, the father being a farmer of Hardy county. Eleven children were born to this union, seven of whom are now living, namely: Alice, who became the wife of N. P. Boyle, a farmer of Grundy county, Iowa; Andrew J., at home; Elmer C., who is a farmer and lives in Grinnell; William H., who engages in farming near the old homestead; John L., also a farmer, residing near Grinnell; Augustus, who is engaged in farming near Brooklyn; and Ernest, at home. The mother of these children died April 7, 1890, and Mr. Heishman was married December 8, 1892, to Mrs. Catharine (Shank) Miller, a daughter of Jacob and Mary (Mason) Shank, natives of Rockingham county, Virginia, where Mrs. Heishman was born and reared. In 1876 she came west with her former husband, John M. Miller, to Poweshiek county, Iowa, and Mr. Miller died at his home in this county June 8, 1887. At the time of her marriage to Mr. Heishman she had four daughters; Ida, Betty, Sally and Mary. The first three daughters married three of the sons of Mr. Heishman; Ida became Mrs. William H. Heishman; Sally became Mrs. Ernest Heishman; and Betty married Augustus Heishman. John L., another of the sons of Mr. Heishman, married Miss Anna Miller. By his second marriage Mr. Heishman has three sons: Clifford P., Lester J. and Elza F., all of whom are living at home.

Politically Mr. Heishman gives his support to the republican party and all of his sons vote in support of the same organization. He served as township trustee for six years and for the past thirty-four years has uninterruptedly filled the office of member of the school board in District No. 6, Sheridan town-

ship. His son, William H. Heishman, also holds membership on the same board. Mr. Heishman has passed the Psalmist's span of three score and ten years, but he is still actively interested in business affairs and his advice is eagerly sought by neighbors and friends who regard his opinion on many subjects as final. By a life of industry and by his constant regard for the welfare of others he has earned the place he holds as one of the highly respected citizens of central Iowa.

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### GEORGE H. HAMLIN.

George H. Hamlin is cashier of the Merchants National Bank but the performance of his duties in that connection do not by any means indicate the extent of his activities nor the breadth of his usefulness as a citizen of Grinnell. One of the native sons of this city, he was born October 23, 1855, his father being Homer Hamlin, one of the four founders of Grinnell and well known as a prominent and honored resident of Poweshiek county. His youthful days were spent upon the home farm and his early education was supplemented by study in the high school of Grinnell. No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for him in the days of his boyhood and youth.

When old enough to handle the plow, he began work in the fields and continued to assist in the cultivation of the crops until his seventeenth year, when, feeling that he would find other pursuits more congenial and profitable, he sought employment elsewhere, entering the First National Bank of Grinnell as teller. He filled the position for ten years and in 1883, upon the organization of the Merchants National Bank, he was elected cashier and business manager of the new institution, in which he has served continuously for more than twenty years, having complete control of the bank's policy throughout the entire time. He is today recognized by bankers and business men generally as one of the ablest financiers of this section of the state and under his guidance the Merchants National Bank has met with remarkable success, being by far the largest banking institution of the county and the largest national bank between Davenport and Des Moines on the Rock Island railroad. A general banking business is conducted and progressive methods are instituted whenever the interests of the depositors and patrons can be better safeguarded, or the business of the bank promoted along substantial lines. The policy maintained has ever been such as to commend the bank to the confidence and patronage of the public, and its success is attributable in large measure to Mr. Hamlin.

On the 12th of January, 1881, Mr. Hamlin was united in marriage to Miss Lizzie R. Bonsall, of Grinnell, a foster daughter of Dr. S. C. Cravath, president of the Merchants National Bank. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hamlin are members of the Congregational church, in which he is serving as a trustee. They are also prominent in social circles of the city and their own home is the abode of a warm-hearted and generous hospitality.

In politics Mr. Hamlin is a republican and has served as a member of the town council and as town treasurer. He was also for several years a member of the



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board of education and the public schools have found in him a stalwart champion. He was one of the principal factors in the organization of the Poweshiek County Agricultural Society and served for years as treasurer and secretary of the society. He is now one of the park commissioners of Grinnell and is a member of the Commercial Club. He is actively interested in every movement of that organization for the upbuilding and benefit of the city and both individually and in connection with others, he does everything in his power to promote the work of general progress. His labors have been far-reaching and beneficial, and he is justly accounted one of the most prominent residents of this city.

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### JOHN C. MANLY.

No history of Poweshiek county would be complete without the record of John C. Manly, whose life illustrates clearly what may be accomplished when determination and force of character constitute the foundation for advancement. Starting out in life without the aid of wealth or influential friends, he sought ever to do faithfully the duty nearest his hand, and his capable service won him gradual promotion in business when he was in the employ of others and led to the expansion of his own interests when he started out independently. He came eventually to be recognized as one of the most prominent and successful grain and lumber dealers of the state, and while developing his individual interests, contributed in substantial measure to the growth and prosperity of various sections of Iowa.

Mr. Manly was born in Schenectady, New York, on the 15th of May, 1846, his parents being Dominick and Margaret (Manly) Manly. The father was a native of England and the mother of Ireland, and in early manhood and womanhood they crossed the Atlantic to the new world. Dominick Manly engaged in construction work in early life and for years was foreman with various concerns engaged in canal and railroad building. He died in 1851 at a comparatively early age and the mother afterward married again, becoming the wife of John Manly. This is rather a strange coincidence as both her husbands bore the name of Manly and yet there was no relation between any of them. Her second husband was like her first one a railroad builder. The death of Mrs. Manly occurred in Belvidere, Illinois, about 1895, when she had reached the ripe old age of eighty-four years.

John C. Manly spent his youthful days in his mother's home and was about seven years of age when he accompanied his mother and stepfather on the removal from Buffalo, New York, to Chicago, where his stepfather was employed by Bristol & Holton, who had been the contractors in the widening of the Erie canal and had removed to the west to engage in railroad building, having the contract for the construction of the Chicago, Galena & Union Railroad, now a part of the Northwestern system. After the building of this road the Manly family finally located at Marengo, Illinois, where John C. Manly attained his majority. He supplemented his early educational privileges by study in Marengo high school and in Euphemia Hall Academy at Marengo.

As early as his eleventh or twelfth year he was employed, when not in school, in one of the stores in Marengo and subsequently entered the telegraph office, learning telegraphy. He followed that profession for several years in the employ of the Northwestern Railroad Company, and on the outbreak of the Civil war went to the front with General Stephen A. Hulbert, whose home was in Belvidere, Illinois, as telegraph operator, General Hulbert being assigned to the Army of the Tennessee. They went to Memphis, where Mr. Manly remained for about a year, at the end of which time General Forrest made a raid and entered the city, at which time General Veach was placed in command to succeed General Hulbert and Mr. Manly returned home. He again secured a position as telegraph operator on the Northwestern and afterward was employed as a clerk in the freight office in Chicago where he was stationed for seven years, within which period he won promotion to the position of head bill clerk.

In 1871 Mr. Manly left that city to come to Iowa, in the employ of the Central Railroad Company of this state, being made agent at Oskaloosa. A year later he was sent to Marshalltown as master of transportation of the road and continued in that capacity for about a year, when he became general agent of the road with offices in Minneapolis, Minnesota. There he remained until 1876, when he returned to Marshalltown as general freight agent of the road, occupying that position acceptably until 1879, when he resigned to accept the position of general agent of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company, with headquarters at Des Moines. While serving in that capacity he had much to do with the building of the road from Albia to Des Moines and with the purchasing of terminal facilities at the capital city. In 1880 he was appointed assistant superintendent of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, his division being from Ottumwa to Creston, with all of the branches of that line. He thus represented the company until 1882, when he resigned to engage in the lumber and grain business in Lineville, Iowa, and the year following removed to Grinnell. He became identified with Henry B. Gifford in the operation of a line of elevators and lumber yards throughout Iowa, under the firm name of Gifford & Manly, and during the years that followed they laid out towns, built depots under contract with railroads and steadily pushed forward the wheels of progress, their labors constituting not only a source of individual profit but also an important element in the general upbuilding and prosperity of the state. In all things Mr. Manly has shown himself to be a man of initiative and enterprising spirit. He readily recognizes and improves an opportunity and in the conduct of the grain and lumber business he won a position among the foremost representatives of commercial interests in the state. About ten years ago he and his partner disposed of their elevators and retired from active participation in business affairs, so that Mr. Manly is now enjoying a well earned and well merited rest.

It was impossible, however, for him to cease to be a factor in the public life of the community. While not active in business at present, he is a director of the Merchants National Bank of Grinnell and is also well known as a leading republican of Poweshiek county. In the fall of 1898 he was elected county supervisor and served in that capacity for four terms, or twelve consecutive

years, his reelection being incontrovertible proof of the ability he displayed and the faith reposed in him by his constituents. He has also filled the office of town councilman of Grinnell for seven or eight years and for an extended period has been a member of the school board, serving both as trustee and president of the board. Whatever he undertakes, whether of a public or private nature, is sure to meet success, for his determined purpose will brook no obstacles that can be overcome by honorable effort. When one avenue seems closed he searches out another path that leads him to the goal of what he seeks.

In 1876 Mr. Manly was united in marriage to Miss Mary C. Carter, of Woodstock, Vermont, and this union has been blessed with three sons and one daughter: Carter, who is engaged in the clothing business at West Union, Iowa; Mary F., the wife of K. W. Blow, a salesman of buggies in Grinnell; John C., Jr., also of this city; and Charles M., who is a law student in Drake University at Des Moines.

Fraternally Mr. Manly is connected with Grinnell Lodge, No. 358, I. O. O. F., and is also a member of Fidelity Encampment, No. 118, and Rebekah Lodge, No. 119, all of Grinnell. He is also connected with Grinnell Lodge, No. 175, K. P. and is most loyal to the teachings and principles of those organizations. He has a very wide acquaintance not only in Grinnell and Poweshiek county but throughout the state and his worth as a man and citizen is recognized by all who know him.

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### FRANK E. TERRELL.

One of Poweshiek county's native sons who has successfully directed his activities along agricultural lines is Frank E. Terrell, a well known stockman of Union township. His birth occurred in the township where he is now residing on the 23d of September, 1864, his parents being Christopher C. and Martha Ann (McCoy) Terrell, who were both natives of Highland county, Ohio. The father's natal day was the 30th of May, 1819, and that of the mother the 14th of March, 1822. Christopher C. Terrell, who was a physician, pursued his professional studies in the Cincinnati Medical College, from which institution he received the degree of M. D. Following his graduation he first engaged in practice in Leesburg, Ohio, going from there to Martinsburg, where he met the lady who subsequently became his wife. In 1856 he removed with his family to Forest Home, Union township, Poweshiek county, Iowa, where he engaged in the practice of his profession until he retired. Here the mother passed away on the 23d of May, 1882, but the father survived until the 28th of February, 1897. They were the parents of eleven children, four of whom are living: Charles W., who is a resident of Des Moines, Iowa; Mary Esther, who became the wife of John A. Griffith, of Montana; Ida, who married Isaac H. Saunders, of Union township; and Frank E., our subject. Among those deceased were Nancy Jane, Lois, Thomas, Andrew, Victoria and Era. The mother was a Presbyterian, while the father was a member of the Christian church. Fraternally Dr. Terrell was identified with the Independent Order of



Odd Fellows and the Masonic order. He was a public-spirited man, always took an active interest in local politics and was several times elected to minor township offices, his support being given to the candidates of the republican party.

After the completion of his preliminary education, in the acquirement of which he attended the public schools, Frank E. Terrell studied at Iowa College, Grinnell and Penn College, Oskaloosa, Iowa. Early having decided to become an agriculturist after the completion of his education he worked on a farm for a time and then rented his present homestead, which in 1897 he purchased. It contains one hundred and fifty-five acres, which is well improved and under a high state of cultivation and which is known as Woodland Stock Farm. Here Mr. Terrell devotes practically his entire attention to the breeding and raising of fancy shorthorn cattle and Poland China hogs.

Mr. Terrell was married in Poweshiek county, this state, on the 18th of November, 1884, to Miss Irene Benson, a daughter of George and Josephine (Benson) Benson, natives of Jamestown, Ohio. They came to Iowa during pioneer days, locating in Lucas county, where the father engaged in agricultural pursuits for several years. From there they went to Oregon, of which state Mrs. Terrell is a native, her birth having occurred in Salem on the 18th of January, 1865. Mr. Benson continued to follow farming in the west until his demise, following which Mrs. Benson, who is now living in Forest Home, returned to Iowa. The family affiliated with the Christian church, while Mr. Benson gave his political support to the republican party. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Terrell have been born five children: Coleman C., a resident of Charles City, Iowa, who married Miss Adela Miller; Martha, who married Joseph Miller, of Sugar Creek township; G. Clark, who is living at home; Lillian, at home; and Pauline, who also resides at home.

Ever since granted the full rights of citizenship Mr. Terrell has given his support to the men and measures of the republican party. He is now serving as township trustee and always takes an active and helpful interest in all public movements the adoption of which he feels will promote the intellectual or moral welfare of the community.

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#### JAY R. ORCUTT.

Jay R. Orcutt, conducting a general hardware and implement business in Searsboro, Iowa, is meeting with success in this line of activity and at the same time his efforts have been a factor in the commercial development of the town. He is a native of Poweshiek county, his birth having occurred in Sheridan township on the 9th of May, 1883, his parents being Lewis and Anna D. (Hartzell) Orcutt. The father was born in Rome, New York, on the 27th of May, 1836, and the mother in Rock Island, Illinois, January 20, 1849. Early in life they came to Poweshiek county, locating in Sheridan township. The father was a farmer by occupation and was the owner of a well developed farm, to the cultivation of which he gave his attention until the time of his demise. He



passed away in 1885. His wife still survives him and makes her home in Grinnell. Mr. Orcutt was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, as is also Mrs. Orcutt, and he gave his political support to the republican party. In their family were three children, namely: Helen Mildred, who was born January 18, 1880, and passed away August 5, 1887; Lewis Percival, born October 27, 1881, whose death occurred August 5, 1900; and Jay Reginald, of this review. By a former marriage Mr. Orcutt had three children: Detta, deceased; Charles, of Grinnell; and Frank, of Minnesota.

In the school of Sheridan township and Grinnell, Iowa, Jay R. Orcutt received an excellent education, passing through consecutive grades, and later entered the college at Grinnell, from which he was graduated. With this good general information to serve as a preparation for life's practical and responsible duties he took his first step in the business world in connection with the real-estate and insurance business, in which he was associated with J. J. Muller for about one year. At the expiration of that period he accepted a position as travelling salesman for the Gale Manufacturing Company of Albion, Michigan, and was on the road for two years, after which, on the 17th of July, 1908, he purchased the hardware stock of Moody & Son, in Searsboro, and has since conducted business on his own account. He has greatly increased his stock and now deals in hardware, agricultural implements, builders' supplies, etc., and his trade is constantly growing in volume and importance, being one of the prosperous enterprises of this town. He is a shrewd young business man and his ability and untiring efforts have added much to the growth of trade in this community.

Mr. Orcutt is a member of the Masonic lodge at Lynnville, Jasper county, and in politics is a stalwart republican, now serving as a member of the town council. He is progressive and public-spirited in citizenship and a strong advocate of advancement and improvement in connection with local affairs. Although numbered among the younger generation of business men in Sugar Creek township he has, however, attained an enviable position in commercial circles, and his keen business insight, exceptional enterprise and his progressive spirit will undoubtedly win for him continued success in the future.

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#### HENRY J. SCHMIDT.

A representative of a well known family of Poweshiek county, Henry J. Schmidt has most creditably upheld the name and is one of the prosperous farmers of Washington township. He has, from his boyhood, been actuated by a laudable ambition to excel in whatever he undertook, and there are few farmers of his age in central Iowa who can truly claim a more practical knowledge of agriculture and stock-raising.

He is a native of Washington township and was born on the old family homestead, June 21, 1873, being a son of Peter and Eliza (Saunders) Schmidt, the former of whom was born in Germany and the latter in Pennsylvania. The father emigrated to America and lived for several years in Pennsylvania, after

which he took up his residence on a farm in Washington township, Poweshiek county, Iowa. He was highly successful in his vocation, becoming one of the leading farmers of the county, and he and his wife are now living retired. They are both members of the Catholic church and in politics he gives his support to the democratic party. In their family were ten children, as follows: William, who is now living in Washington township; Sarah, who is the wife of Herman Selle, also of Washington township; Samuel, who lives in Jasper county, Iowa; Frank, who is deceased; Henry J., of this review; Mary, now the wife of William Whalen, of Oskaloosa, Iowa; Rosie, the wife of August Greagor, of Napoleon, North Dakota; Peter, who is living at home; Elizabeth, the wife of Guy Ford, of Howard, North Dakota; and Francis, who lives at home.

Henry J. Schmidt attended the district schools of Washington township and assisted his father upon the home farm until reaching the age of twenty-one years. He then began business upon his own account by renting land, which he cultivated for five years, after which he purchased one hundred and twenty acres in Washington township as his home farm. He devotes his attention especially to raising horses and cattle and, being a good judge of animals and thoroughly interested in his calling, he is meeting with a gratifying measure of success. He is energetic and progressive and always keeps thoroughly informed as to the markets and the best methods in agriculture and stock-raising. He has for years past been a steadily growing influence in the community.

On the 13th of October, 1898, Mr. Schmidt was married to Miss Mary E. Schmitz, a daughter of John Schmitz, of Grinnell township, a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work. He and his wife are members of the Catholic church, in which they were reared, and he is a liberal contributor toward its maintenance. In political faith he adheres to the democratic party, but he does not seek public office, as his time and energies are devoted to his farm. He is a man of unexceptionable character and it may be said of him that he is most honored where he is best known.

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### JOHN H. STONE.

Among the natives of the Keystone state who have attained marked success as farmers in Poweshiek county is John H. Stone, the owner of a valuable farm in Grinnell township, which he acquired through his industry and practical knowledge of his calling. He was born in Clearfield county, Pennsylvania, March 5, 1858, a son of Linza and Priscilla (Turner) Stone, the former of whom was born in England and the latter in Pennsylvania. The mother died in 1860, and six years later the father came west with his family to Tama county, Iowa, and subsequently established his home in Madison township, Poweshiek county. He died in Tama county in 1895.

John H. Stone changed his residence several times, living in Sheridan township for sixteen years, after which he settled in Grinnell township where he now lives. He received his education in the common schools, but being the pos-



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essor of good faculties of observation and reflection, he has in the course of his life acquired considerable knowledge not found in books. His well improved farm of three hundred and twenty acres is under a high state of cultivation and produces gratifying annual returns. He makes a specialty of raising cattle and hogs for the market and is more than ordinarily successful, as he has mastered the business in all its details and devoted to it his best energies.

In July, 1885, Mr. Stone was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Shadel, who was born in Illinois and is a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Stacey) Shadel. Her father was born in Germany and the mother in Switzerland. They came to this country and were married in Illinois, and later removed to Sheridan township, Poweshiek county, Iowa, becoming closely identified with the agricultural interests of the county. They are now living at Tama. Mr. and Mrs. Stone are the parents of six children, namely: Henry E., Fred T., Nellie E., George A., Louis C. and Mary Vivian.

Mr. Stone has been a resident of Iowa since his childhood, and few men in the state have a more comprehensive knowledge of its agricultural resources and possibilities. He has demonstrated the beneficial results of systematic application to agriculture and stock-raising and ranks among the substantial and enterprising men of the county. Politically he adheres to no party, preferring to cast his vote independently and be governed by the conditions prevailing at the time of the election, rather than by any party platform. Fraternally he is a valued member of Sheridan Lodge, No. 303, M. W. A.

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#### ALFRED J. EWART.

Alfred J. Ewart, who is a progressive and enterprising farmer and stock-dealer, owns a valuable farm of two hundred and forty acres on section 21, Pleasant township, and is also a representative of one of the old and well known families of this section of the state. Mr. Ewart was born in the little village of Ewart in Pleasant township, January 25, 1867, a son of Robert and Euphemia (Burns) Ewart, who are now deceased. The parents were both natives of Morrow county, Ohio, and were there reared and married, coming to Poweshiek county about the year 1862. Here the father engaged in agricultural pursuits and became an extensive landowner, the village of Ewart being built on land which was once in his possession. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ewart were born six children: Sarah, the wife of M. E. Sturgeon, of Saskatchewan, Canada; T. E., who makes his home in Chicago; Alfred J., of this review; Mattie, the wife of F. C. Rayburn, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work; James S., a resident of Ewart; and Mamie, who became the wife of Charles Smith but is now deceased. The father departed this life in 1905, and the mother, surviving for only a year, passed away in 1906. Thus the community mourned the loss of two of its most prominent and highly esteemed residents.

Alfred J. Ewart was reared on the home farm in Pleasant township and was early trained to the duties that fall to the farmer boy, and the instruction

which he received in his youth and early manhood proved a valuable asset in after life. When he reached mature years he began business on his own account and is today the owner of two hundred and forty acres of land on section 21, Pleasant township, this property adjoining the village of Ewart on the east. In addition to carrying on general farming, Mr. Ewart also buys and ships stock on quite an extensive scale and this branch of his business is proving profitable to him.

Mr. Ewart chose as a companion and helpmate on the journey of life, Miss Anna Powell, their marriage being celebrated on the 22d of December, 1888. She was born in Searsboro, Poweshiek county, in 1866, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Powell. By her marriage she has become the mother of three daughters and three sons, namely: Leta, Alfred R., Nellie, Ruth, Kenneth and Robert.

In politics Mr. Ewart is independent, voting for the men and measures which he deems will prove most beneficial to the community. He is serving as assessor of his township and for three terms filled the office of township trustee. In his fraternal relations he is a Knight of Pythias. He is ever alert and progressive, and his advancement in life is the result of honorable business principles coupled with sound judgment. He is well known in the community in which he lives and labors, and the high reputation which his honored father always bore is also enjoyed by the son.

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#### ERNEST HEYWOOD SPAULDING.

Ernest Heywood Spaulding, engaged in the manufacture of vehicles and in the sale of automobiles, having the agency for some of the best known makers of motor cars, was born in Grinnell, October 12, 1881, a son of Henry W. and Merriam Jane (Lull) Spaulding. He pursued his education in the schools of this city, supplementing his public school course by study in the Iowa College Academy and College, during which time he gave special attention to political science and history. In the same year in which he won his degree he became an active factor in the business circles of Grinnell by forming a partnership with H. W. and F. E. Spaulding in the manufacture of vehicles. The same year he took the agency of one of the few motor cars then manufactured, and a little later built the first garage for motor cars in the county. In this connection he has developed a good business and has had the satisfaction of introducing many well manufactured cars to the trade in Poweshiek county. He not only engages in the sale of automobiles, but also conducts a repair department and, in fact, has a splendidly equipped garage.

On the 17th of August, 1904, at Des Moines, Iowa, Mr. Spaulding was united in marriage to Miss Irma Towne, who was graduated from Iowa College in the class of 1903. They now have one daughter, Merriam Jane. In his political views Mr. Spaulding is a republican who firmly believes in the principles of the party, but does not seek nor desire office. He holds membership with the Masonic lodge, the University Club of Chicago and the Poweshiek

Club of Grinnell. In his native city he is regarded as a popular resident, his geniality and unaffected cordiality winning him many friends, while the sterling traits of his character have commended him to the confidence and good will of the general public. In business he has made steady advancement, and the spirit of progress which he manifested in establishing the first garage in the county has characterized him in all of his business activity and brought him substantial success.

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### W. F. VOGEL.

Few men are better known in the commercial circles of Malcom than W. F. Vogel, proprietor of an extensive hardware business here. He is numbered among Germany's contribution to the citizenship of Iowa, his birth having occurred in Dehausen, Waldeck, Germany, September 14, 1859. His parents, Ludwig and Carolina Vogel, were also natives of the fatherland, where the former, a farmer by occupation, passed away when the son was but six years old. The mother later came to the United States to visit her children and here her death occurred in 1902. In their family were four children, namely: Wilhelmina, who died in Wisconsin; Ludwig, whose death occurred on the old home place in Germany; Christina, who passed away in Scott county, Iowa; and W. F., of this review.

The last named remained a resident of the fatherland until he was sixteen years of age and then, accompanied by his sister Christina, he sought a home and fortune in the new world, arriving in Davenport, Iowa, in 1874. He attended school in that city for two years and then engaged in clerking in a grocery store for a similar period. Upon the expiration of that time he went to Walcott, Scott county, Iowa, where he was employed in a general store for about five years, and on the 29th of September, 1883, arrived in Malcom. On the 4th of October of that year he opened a general store here. He was engaged in that business until 1890, when he sold out and established his present hardware business, which has since become one of the most successful and prominent enterprises of the town. Mr. Vogel now owns his own building, a two-story brick structure, twenty-two by eighty-four feet, and also a warehouse, one story in height, twenty-two by forty feet. The entire space is occupied by the business, which now has one of the most extensive stocks of general hardware in Poweshiek county. The progressive condition of the house is due in large measure to the excellent business policy inaugurated by its owner, which from the first has been such as to win the confidence of the general public. He has ever employed modern and progressive methods and his dealings in every instance have been honorable and straightforward. Moreover he has recognized the fact that satisfied patrons are the best advertisement and, carefully studying the wishes of his customers, has sought to satisfactorily meet the demands of every class of trade. His success ranks him among the substantial and prosperous business men of the city. He is interested in Texas land lying along the

gulf coast, and six years ago purchased his present attractive home on the north side of the square.

In 1883 Mr. Vogel was united in marriage to Miss Louisa Schwarting, who was born in Ichtershausen, Germany, on the 3d of February, 1864, a daughter of Bernhardt and Dorothea Schwarting, both of whom passed away in Scott county. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Vogel were born four children: Irma C., Edna T., Walter B. and Stella M. Mr. Vogel was reared in the faith of the German Evangelical Lutheran church, of which he is a member, and he also belongs to the Royal Arch Masons and the Knights of Pythias. Although the development of his business interests has made heavy demands upon his time and attention, he has nevertheless taken an active interest in the public affairs of the community and his fellow citizens, recognizing his personal worth and ability, have called him to fill various offices. He is a staunch supporter of the democratic party and on that ticket was nominated for county treasurer in 1906. From 1893 until 1897 he served as postmaster of Malcom, under President Cleveland's administration, and for twenty-five consecutive years served as township trustee. For the past five years he has been a member of the board of education and is the present treasurer of Malcom. He has ever discharged his duties with marked ability and fairness, for he is a most loyal, public-spirited citizen, and as a business man he has been conspicuous among his associates, not only for his success but for his probity, fairness and honorable methods.

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### BERNARD JOSEPH CARNEY.

In the course of an active business career Bernard Joseph Carney established many business enterprises of magnitude which he carried forward to successful completion, and in his life record demonstrated the power of determination, perseverance, integrity and intelligently directed effort as factors in the attainment of notable and desirable success. While he prospered in the management of important business affairs he also belonged to that class of citizens who while promoting individual interests also advance the general prosperity.

Mr. Carney was born at Castlebar, County Mayo, Ireland, in June, 1852, and after spending nine years in his native land came with his parents to the new world, the family settling in Chicago, where his father engaged in business. The family numbered eleven children but five are yet living: W. J. and T. J. Carney, Mrs. G. W. Kelly and Misses Nora and Mary Carney, of Chicago.

Bernard Joseph Carney attended the public schools of Chicago and afterward had the benefit of instruction in Bryant & Stratton Business College, then the leading commercial school of the city. He made his initial step in the business world as a bookkeeper, occupying that position for several years, but the desire to engage in business on his own account and thus enjoy the direct profit of his labors led him to leave the metropolis and come to Iowa. He arrived in Grinnell in 1880 and purchased a half interest in a lumber business then owned by Stephen Goss, who had had dealings with Mr. Carney's brother, W.



J. Carney, who was a lumber merchant of Chicago. From that point in his career his prosperity and advancement were assured. He recognized opportunity and employed it to the best advantage. He never seemed to make a false move or take a backward step and he won his advancement by doing daily the duty that lay nearest his hand. After a year and a half connection with the lumber trade of Grinnell he and his brother, W. J. Carney, purchased the interest of Mr. Goss in the lumber business which was then conducted under the firm style of Carney Brothers until 1902, when the firm of Carney, Brande & Clark was formed, his associates being E. B. Brande and E. W. Clark, Jr. This relation was maintained until 1907 when Mr. Carney and Mr. Brande sold out to Mr. Clark and J. L. Fellows. They then organized the firm of B. J. Carney & Company and conducted a wholesale business in poles. Mr. Carney was a resourceful business man, always looking beyond the exigencies of the moment to the opportunities and possibilities of the future. He found real pleasure in business in the solution of involved and intricate problems and in the masterful handling of complex interests. From time to time he extended his opportunities into other fields. He became one of the organizers of the Carney Coal Company, of Carneyville, Wyoming, and was its vice president. He also held the same official relations to the Saylor Coal Mines of Des Moines, was president of the Coaldale Fuel Company of Des Moines and a director of the Scandia Coal Company of Madrid. He was also president of the Mitchellville Telephone Exchange and for many years was associated with W. F. Hammond in the ownership of the electric light plant at Grinnell.

In 1888 Mr. Carney was united in marriage to Miss E. M. Tibbits, of Plymouth, Indiana, and to them were born five children: Cyril, who was graduated from the Iowa College of Grinnell with the class of 1910 and is now attending Columbia College; Kriegh, now a senior in Iowa College; Bernard, a junior of the same institution; and Kathleen and Aileen, who are students in the high school. The relations of his home life were largely ideal. He was to his family the personification of care and goodness and it was a joy to see him in his home life. No interest of childhood was too unimportant to claim his attention if it aroused the interest of his children and to them he was companion and friend as well as father.

Mr. Carney was long a devoted member of the Catholic church and also of the leading social organizations of the city. He gave generously to the various branches of the church work and was a liberal supporter of many public movements which he regarded as beneficial to Grinnell. The Grinnell Herald at the time of his death wrote: "Mr. Carney was more than a business man—more even than a very broad business man; he was a student, both of books and of human nature. In spite of the large business duties which called for constant attention he found time to read and he read the best literature. Few men in Grinnell were so well informed and on such a wide range of topics as he. His versatility, as it showed itself even in chance conversations, was remarkable. A few years ago he became interested in German and attended evening classes enough to acquire a speaking knowledge of it. Shortly afterwards he wrote and read a paper before a lumbermen's association in Minnesota in German. It was with difficulty that he proceeded for the idea of an

Irishman with so rich a brogue as Mr. Carney's reading German took the convention by storm. Another of Mr. Carney's chief characteristics was his rare sense of humor. He fairly sparkled with good nature and many a one, we imagine, like the writer, will always remember him pleasantly, with his eyes twinkling and his conversation fairly scintillating with the bright things that came as naturally as the smile to his lips. To meet him and talk to him was a tonic for the jaded spirit and refreshment for the mind. It was the writer's custom to have a chat with him on every possible occasion and such a chat always left him indebted to Mr. Carney. He was by nature one of the brightest and most pleasant men it has ever been our good fortune to know. He was strict with himself in all his habits, though liberal in his views towards others. He was abstemious to a degree and lived cleanly and circumspectly. He was a public-spirited man, especially in the latter years of his life. Said a Grinnell banker yesterday: 'There is no man to whom I would have gone sooner or from whom I would have received help more readily than from Mr. Carney.' Especially in more recent years he has taken an interest in public movements, being loyal to his town and its institutions. A close business associate testifies to the fact that in the time he has known Mr. Carney he never knew him to fail to support any movement looking towards public improvement. He was deeply interested and well informed on the latest developments in politics, science and art, but never held a public office excepting that of councilman. During the twenty-eight years he lived here Mr. Carney grew in public esteem and in importance until he was without question one of Grinnell's leading citizens. Whenever any public enterprise is started, whenever the Fortnightly Club meets, whenever men have occasion to do business with the firm of which he was a member, whenever there are social gatherings of his friends and whenever the Catholic church needs support in the coming years, B. J. Carney will be missed. But most of all will he be missed in the beautiful home by his wife and children and other relatives who were bound to him by every tie of affection which a kind and clean life can form with those nearest to it."

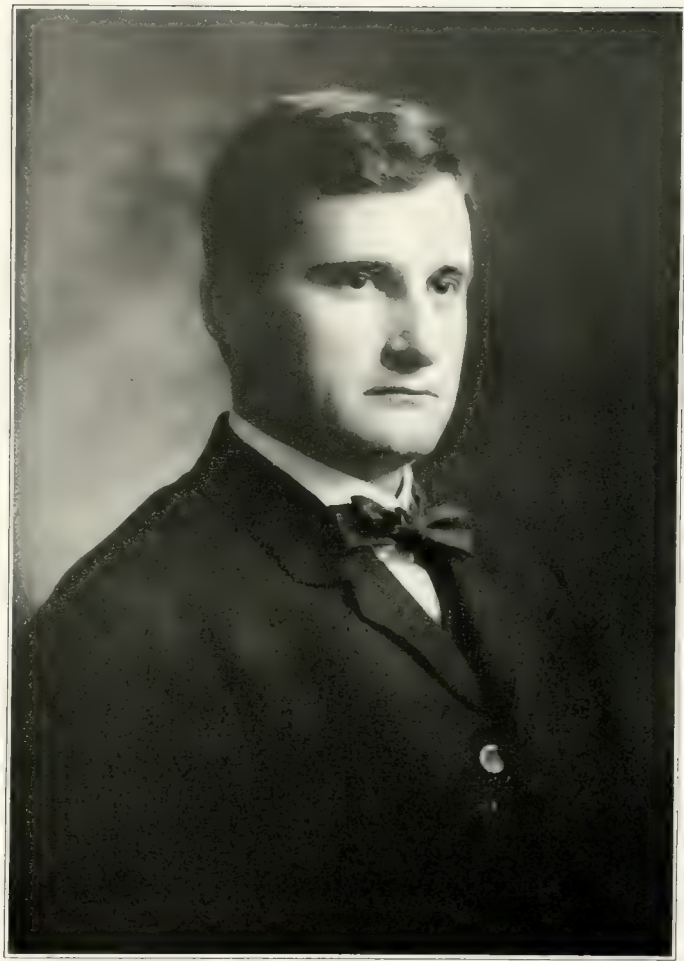
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#### PAUL G. NORRIS.

Paul G. Norris, who for about nine years has been engaged in the practice of law in Grinnell, his course reflecting credit and honor upon a name that has long been prominently connected with the legal profession in this city, was here born on the 5th of January, 1878, his parents being David W. and Lizzie S. (Gifford) Norris, the former a native of Maryland and the latter of Illinois.

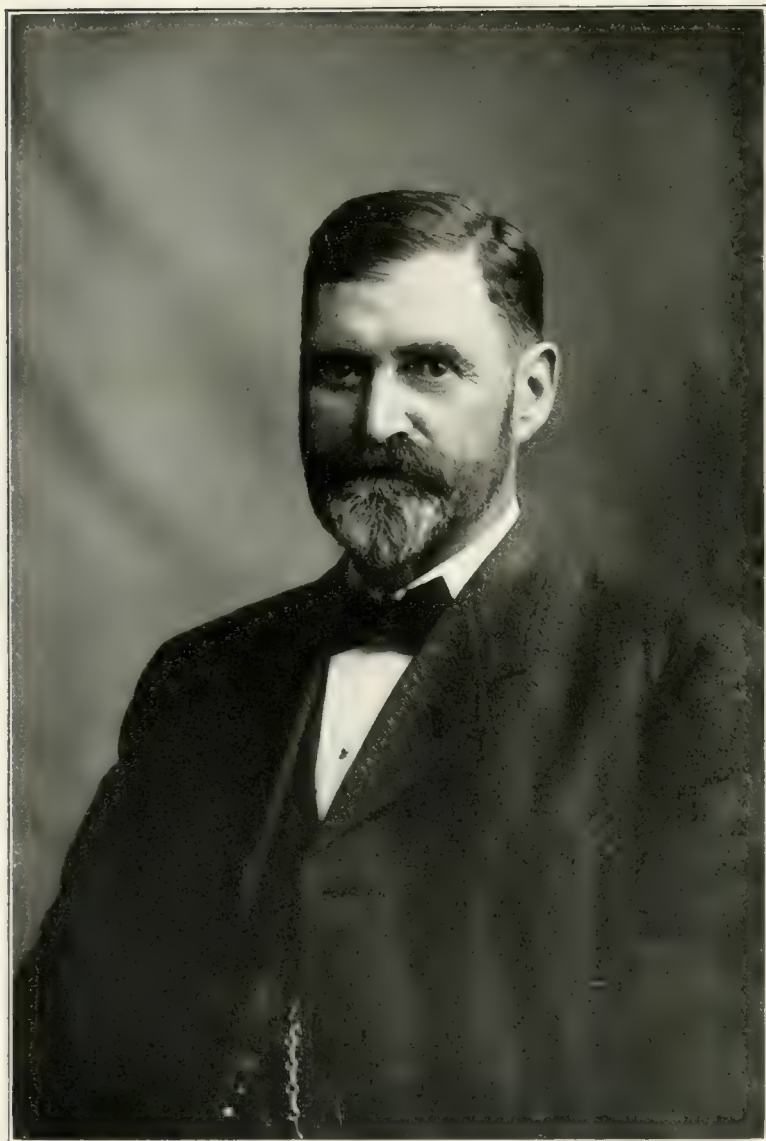
The father came to Poweshiek county, Iowa, with his parents in 1863, the family home being established upon a farm four miles north of Chester. David Norris was then fourteen years of age. He was reared to manhood upon the farm, aiding in the arduous task of developing the land and of cultivating the fields year by year. He pursued his more specifically literary education in Iowa College at Grinnell, from which he was graduated with the class of 1872. He then took up the profession of teaching and for some years was principal





PAUL G. NORRIS





DAVID W. NORRIS



of the schools of Tama City, Iowa, and also of the Marshalltown schools, but, thinking to find more congenial and profitable labor in the field of law, he began preparation for the bar in Chicago and was admitted to practice in Montezuma on the 23d of April, 1878. Following his admission he was employed for a time by C. W. H. Beyer, a mortgage banker, and later formed a partnership with J. E. Dodge, now judge of the supreme court of Wisconsin. They opened law offices in Grinnell under the firm style of Norris & Dodge, but were associated in practice for only a short time when Mr. Dodge removed to Milwaukee, after which Mr. Norris remained in the profession alone for a time. From 1885 until 1890 he was identified with A. L. Preston under the firm name of Norris & Preston. He continued alone until 1902, when he was joined by his son Paul G. Norris under the firm style of Norris & Norris, a relation that was maintained until the death of the father on the 22d of May, 1907, when he was in the fifty-ninth year of his age. He had long been accounted one of the prominent attorneys of Poweshiek county and his place at the bar of this section of the state was a conspicuous and enviable one. In early life he gave his political allegiance to the democratic party but in 1896, when the republican party declared for sound money and the democratic party for a currency which regarded as unstable, he affiliated with the former and indorsed its principles until his death. He served for ten years as a member of the town council of Grinnell and for many years was identified with the board of education here, being very active in educational work. He was also a valued member of the Masonic lodge and also of the Knights of Pythias.

In early manhood David Norris was married to Miss Lizzie S. Gifford, a daughter of Edmund Gifford, who was graduated from the Harvard Law School and afterward located in Elgin, Illinois, where his active life was spent. He enlisted in the Union army at the time of the Civil war and served for four years, rising to the rank of major. His declining years were passed in Grinnell, Iowa, where he made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Lizzie Norris, with whom he continued until his demise. Mrs. Norris is still living in Grinnell, where she has an extensive circle of warm friends.

Paul G. Norris was here reared and pursued his education in Grinnell College, being graduated with the class of 1899, at which time the Bachelor of Philosophy degree was conferred upon him. The following year he entered the law department of Harvard University and was graduated with the class of 1902. He then returned home and on the 9th of October, 1902, was admitted to the bar. He became associated with his father in practice under the firm style of Norris & Norris and after his father's death was joined by Alfred Burroughs under the firm style of Norris & Burroughs, Mr. Burroughs having been associated with David Norris for over twenty years. His practice is large and of a distinctively representative character. He is faithful to his clients, fair to his adversaries and candid to the court. In many cases he has exhibited the possession of every faculty of which a lawyer may be proud—skill in the presentation of his own evidence, marked ability in cross-examination, persuasiveness before the jury, strong grasp of every feature of the case, ability to secure favorable rulings from the judge, unusual familiarity with human nature and untiring industry.

On the 20th of May, 1903, Mr. Norris was married to Miss Edna L. Hand, of Ottumwa, Iowa, a daughter of the Rev. Leroy S. Hand, a Congregational minister now residing in Grinnell and filling a pulpit in Vancleve. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Norris have been born three children: Paul G., Edmond H. and Elizabeth A. The Norris household is a hospitable one and the parents have a circle of friends in Grinnell almost coextensive with the circle of their acquaintance.

Mr. Norris votes with the republican party and has served for one term as city attorney but prefers to concentrate his energies upon the private practice of law. He belongs to the Commercial Club of Grinnell and is interested in all that pertains to public progress and improvement, therefore giving his support to many projects for the general good.

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#### E. D. FORRHAND.

E. D. Forrhand was born on the farm where he now lives in Chester township, Poweshiek county, April 16, 1872, and here he has spent his entire life except when absent attending school. He is a son of L. D. Forrhand, who was born at Croydon, New Hampshire, and who migrated to the west in 1869. He settled in Poweshiek county, Iowa, and was married to Mary J. Cocking, a native of Lincolnshire, England. Mr. Forrhand established his family upon a farm in Chester township and prospered in his business, being an energetic and capable manager. His wife died in August, 1887, when E. D., the subject of this review, was fifteen years of age, and a few years later the father removed to Grinnell, where he is now living retired. Of the original family but two children survive: E. D.; and Eva, who married Harry Parsons, a farmer of Charles Mix county, South Dakota.

E. D. Forrhand, the subject of this review, attended the common schools and later the Iowa Business College at Des Moines, graduating from that institution in 1890. He also took a short course of two years at Grinnell College and laid the foundation of a literary education, upon which he has built by observation and reading. He continued from his boyhood upon the old family homestead and has applied himself to excellent advantage, being now in charge of a farm of one hundred and ninety-four acres. It produces bountiful crops, as the land is kept in splendid condition. He feeds stock for the market, and by working diligently and persistently and applying progressive methods he keeps well at the front as an agriculturist and stock-raiser.

On January 5, 1891, Mr. Forrhand was united in marriage, at Grinnell, to Miss Mina M. Harris, a daughter of Robert and Ellen Harris, both of whom were born in Ireland. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Forrhand: Oliver Leroy, a graduate of the high school at Chester Center; and Ruth Ellen, who is attending the high school.

Mr. Forrhand has made a careful study of political subjects and as a result gives his support to the republican party, although he is not bound by party lines, often exercising independent proclivities in the selection of candidates.



He has served as road supervisor and school director, showing special adaptability for those positions. He is a valued member of Lodge No. 291, M. W. A., of Grinnell. Possessing the advantages of good educational training in his earlier years he has applied scientific methods to his work, and the result is to be perceived in the prosperous appearance of his farm and the success that attends his undertakings.

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### JOHN BRADLEY.

A good example of the self-made man who entirely through his own efforts has worked his way upward until today he is numbered among the substantial residents of Jackson township, is John Bradley. Born on the 2d of April, 1864, in Bureau county, Illinois, he is a son of George and Ann (Timbrell) Bradley, who were both born in England in the year 1831. They were there reared and married, immediately after which they came to the United States, locating in Illinois in 1857. Later they came to Iowa, where the father followed the occupation of farming for a number of years, and both passed away in this state, the mother in February, 1905, and the father in April, 1908. In their family were eight children, as follows: Elizabeth, the wife of S. R. Dryden, of Cedar Falls, Iowa; Mary, now deceased; William, residing in Jackson township; John, of this review; Emma, who is engaged in teaching school in Des Moines; Alice, who married I. N. Hill, of Montana; George, of Jackson township; and Charles, who passed away in infancy. All of this number were born in Illinois with the exception of the two youngest, who were born in Iowa.

John Bradley spent the first five years of his life in the state of his nativity, and then, in 1869 came with his parents to Iowa, the family home being established in Scott township, Poweshiek county. There he was reared to manhood and, owing to the limited financial circumstances of his parents he was early forced to make his own way in the business world. He recognized, however, the value of a good education in the attainment of success in any line of activity, and so attended Grinnell College and also took a business course in a business college at Burlington, Iowa. He was thereafter engaged in teaching school for four or five terms during the winter season, and for four years carried on agricultural pursuits in Pleasant township. In 1894 he embarked in the clothing business with James E. Anderson, under the firm style of Anderson & Bradley, and for twelve years they conducted a most successful enterprise. At the end of that period, in 1906, Mr. Bradley sold his interest in the concern to Mr. Anderson and, deciding to turn his energies into the channel of agriculture, purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Scott township. That remained his home for four years, when he sold out and purchased his present farm in the spring of 1910. This farm, consisting of one hundred and twenty acres located on section 8, Jackson township, is a well improved property, its good state of development being due in large measure to the earnest labor and unfaltering industry of Mr. Bradley. He is meeting with a most creditable

degree of success and is already numbered among the prosperous and progressive agriculturists of this section.

It was in 1896 that Mr. Bradley was united in marriage to Lillian Aikin, of Mahaska county, a daughter of Dr. Aikin, and by this union have been born three children, Grace, Harry and Helen.

Mr. Bradley gives his allegiance to the republican party, and, although not an office-seeker, he is serving at present at township trustee, taking a deep and active interest in the affairs of the community. He holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church of Montezuma, and for nearly twenty years has served as steward. He was also secretary of the building committee which erected the present handsome church edifice in that town. All matters bearing upon the material and moral development of the community have his consideration and indorsement, and no measure which has to do with the betterment of his community or fellowmen fails to win his aid. Since his residence in Poweshiek county he has been accorded a high place among the respected and valued citizens of this district, for he possesses those qualities which ever command respect and confidence.

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### JUDGE J. P. LYMAN.

Judge J. P. Lyman, who since January, 1909, has occupied the bench of the superior court of the city of Grinnell, and who for many years previous was regarded as one of the ablest and most distinguished representatives of the bar of central Iowa, was born in Arcade, Wyoming county, New York, on the 14th of February, 1844, a son of Ralston W. and Harriet N. (Tracy) Lyman, both of whom were natives of New England. Their marriage, however, occurred in the Empire state, to which they had removed during the period of youth. On reaching manhood Ralston W. Lyman became identified with mercantile interests to which he gave his attention throughout the years of his active business life, being at different times located in the towns of Friendship, Castile, Arcade and Yorkshire, his death occurring in Arcade in 1900, when he had reached an advanced age. The mother passed away there some years prior to her husband's death.

Judge Lyman was reared at home, acquiring his education in the public schools of Arcade and in the academy of that place. The west seemed to offer better opportunities to young men than could be found in the older and more conservative east, and in 1860 he and his brother, Robert R. Lyman, made their way to Poweshiek county, Iowa, where their uncle, Alonzo Steel, had acquired some land. It was the intention of the brothers to locate upon this tract and engage in its cultivation, but J. P. Lyman did not remain on the farm with his brother after the summer had passed, coming to Grinnell in the fall and here continuing his education under Professor L. F. Parker. In 1863 he entered Iowa College, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in the class of 1867. During his college course he taught school through the vacations and following his graduation continued in the profession of teach-

ing for three years. It was his intention at that time to take up the practice of medicine and in fact while engaged in teaching he gave much time to the reading of medical text-books in his leisure hours. Changing his plans, however, he entered the law department of the Iowa State University at Iowa City, in 1870, and was graduated with the class of 1871. Following his admission to the bar he returned to Grinnell where he formed a partnership with R. M. Haines, with whom he was associated in active practice under the style of Haines & Lyman until the death of the senior member of the firm in 1902. Subsequent to that time Judge Lyman continued in practice alone until after his son's graduation from Harvard, when he became a member of the firm under the style of Lyman & Lyman. Almost from the outset of his professional career Judge Lyman was accorded a large practice for he soon demonstrated his ability to handle the intricate problems of the law. He carefully prepared his cases and his presentation has always been full and comprehensive yet not to the extent of redundancy. He marshals the facts of the case with the precision of a military commander and his clear and cogent reasoning has always commanded the attention of the jury, counsel and the court. In the fall of 1908 there came to him recognition of his ability in his election to the superior court bench, in which position he is now ably serving, his course upon the bench being in harmony with his record as a man and lawyer, distinguished by the utmost loyalty and by a masterful grasp of every problem presented for solution.

Other official honors have come to Judge Lyman through political channels. He has always been a stalwart republican in politics and was elected upon the party ticket to the office of county attorney, which position he filled for four years. He also represented his district in the twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth general assemblies of the Iowa legislature. He has served almost continuously for years in some official capacity in Grinnell, acting as city attorney, as a member of the town council and as mayor, while at the present time he is a member of the school board. His fidelity to his country was further manifested by his enlistment in 1864 for one hundred days' service in the Civil war with Company B, Forty-sixth Iowa Regiment, of which company Professor L. F. Parker was first lieutenant.

In October, 1873, Judge Lyman was married to Miss Elizabeth L. Little, of Grinnell, whose parents came to this city in 1867 from Kewanee, Illinois. Their only child, Henry G., is a graduate of the Harvard Law School of the class of 1906. He was first associated in practice with his father but since Judge Lyman's elevation to the bench he has become a partner of W. C. Rayburn, practicing under the firm name of Rayburn & Lyman. He married Miss Fae La Grange, of Storm Lake, Iowa. The death of Mrs. Elizabeth Lyman occurred in 1906 and was the occasion of deep and wide-spread regret throughout Grinnell and Poweshiek county.

Judge Lyman maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades through his membership in Gordon Granger Post, No. 64, G. A. R., of Grinnell. He is a member of the Congregational church and chairman of its board of trustees. Interested in the material, intellectual, political and moral progress of his city, he does all in his power to further its interests and upbuilding, and,



being a man of influence, his example is followed by many and thus he has become a potent force for good in the city with which he has been identified throughout the greater period of his residence in the west.

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### C. B. LINEWEAVER.

A well improved farm of one hundred and sixty acres, located on section 4, Scott township, paid tribute to the care and labor of C. B. Lineweaver for many years but since the spring of 1911 he has lived retired, although he still retains his residence on his farm. He was born in Rockingham county, Virginia, September 24, 1846. His paternal grandfather, Jacob Lineweaver, spent his life as a farmer in Virginia and there reared his family, which included David Lineweaver, who became the father of our subject. He was likewise born in Rockingham county, Virginia, and followed farming in the south. He wedded Hetta Catharine Beard, whose father ran away from home at the age of fourteen years, emigrating from Ireland to the new world. He likewise settled in Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. David Lineweaver reared a family of five children: C. B., of this review; Jeremiah, who still makes his home in Rockingham county; Catharine, who died at the age of thirteen years; De Witt C. of Poweshiek county; and Sarah, the wife of Daniel Heatwole, a resident of Rockingham county.

C. B. Lineweaver was reared on the home farm to the age of seventeen years, when he was drafted for service in the Confederate army. In the fall of 1863 he became a member of Company C, Eleventh Virginia Cavalry, Rosser's Brigade. He took part in all of the engagements of his command in the Shenandoah valley and Virginia and served until the surrender of Lee.

Following his service at the front Mr. Lineweaver resumed work on the home farm and at the age of twenty-two years was married and began farming on his own account. In the spring of 1873 he came to Poweshiek county, Iowa, and during the succeeding five years lived on a farm in Bear Creek township, since which time he has resided on his present farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 4, Scott township. For many years he was actively identified with the agricultural life of the community and in connection with general farming raised stock to some extent. However, in the spring of 1911, he rented his land to his son Fred and he is now living retired, although he retains his residence on the home place.

It was in 1868 that Mr. Lineweaver wedded Miss Rebecca C. Andes, who was born in Rockingham county, Virginia, December 12, 1844, a daughter of Eli and Sarah (Lowman) Andes, who spent their entire lives in the south. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Lineweaver have been born nine children: Jeremiah F., a resident of Brooklyn; Sarah, the wife of John A. Evans, of Scott township; Clara, the wife of John W. Wiley, also of Scott township; Boyd, of North Dakota; Fannie, the wife of John C. Johnston, also of Scott township; Nettie, the wife of George Lundy, of Malcom; Andrew, a resident of North Dakota; Pearl, still with her parents; and Fred, also at home and now operating the



farm. The two eldest were born in Virginia but the others are all natives of Poweshiek county.

Mr. Lineweaver is a staunch supporter of the republican party and has been called by his fellow townsmen to fill some offices, having served as township trustee, assessor, road supervisor and as a member of the school board. He is a member of Fairmont Methodist Episcopal church in Scott township and is serving as a trustee of the church. His fraternal relations connect him with the Knights of Pythias lodge. He is a man of good principles and upright character, and both in public and private life he has ever been found the same genial gentleman, who in his relations with his fellowmen and in his treatment of his neighbors has never lost sight of the golden rule.

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### R. J. SMITH.

R. J. Smith, a member of the Montezuma bar, engages in the general practice of law but specializes to some extent in the department of law relating to land titles and the settlement of estates, and his broad and discriminating study along those lines has largely made him an authority in this district for that branch of his profession.

Mr. Smith is a native of Johnson county, Iowa, his birth having occurred on a farm east of Iowa City, May 24, 1873. His parents were Robert B. and Ann (Smith) Smith, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Ohio. They came to Iowa in the years 1853 and 1854 respectively in company with their parents, the journey of both families being made with wagons and ox teams. Both Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Smith are now residents of Iowa City, where he is living retired, having previously for many years engaged extensively and successfully in farming and stock-raising. He served for four years as a soldier in the Civil war with Company G, Second Iowa Cavalry, and is now one of the honored veterans of the state. The family numbered three sons, of whom R. J. Smith is the eldest. C. Horton, the second son, now a civil engineer at Minneapolis, Minnesota, was graduated from the State University in 1901 and received his advanced degree in 1905. The youngest son, Dr. Oakley Smith, is a physician of Chicago and is president of the Oakley Smith College of Naprapathy in that city. His academic education was acquired in the State University, his attention being especially given to scientific studies, and later he continued his education in Prague, Bohemia.

R. J. Smith spent the first nineteen years of his life amid the usual environment and experiences of farm life and then accompanied his parents on their removal to Eugene, Oregon, where they remained for two years, during which period the subject of this review attended the State University of Oregon. In 1893 he returned to Iowa City and pursued the liberal arts course in the university of this state, winning the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy upon his graduation in the class of 1898. He completed the law course in the State University in 1899 and then passed the state board examination, being admitted to practice in the summer of that year. He chose Montezuma as the scene of his

labors and has since been a resident of this city and a well known and worthy representative of its bar. He engages in general practice in all the courts but, as previously stated, specializes to some extent in that branch of the law relating to land titles and the settlement of estates. He holds membership with the County Bar Association and also with the Iowa State and American Associations of Title Men. He has been accorded a liberal clientage and his work in the courts has been so carefully and successfully conducted that he has won many cases favorable to his clients.

On the 1st of January, 1901, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Addie G. Gray, a native of Cedar county, Iowa, and a daughter of Thomas and Ann (Gifford) Gray. Her mother is now deceased, while her father resides at West Liberty. His mother was reputed to be the first white woman to establish a home in Iowa outside of Dubuque. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Smith has been born an only child, Mary Frances.

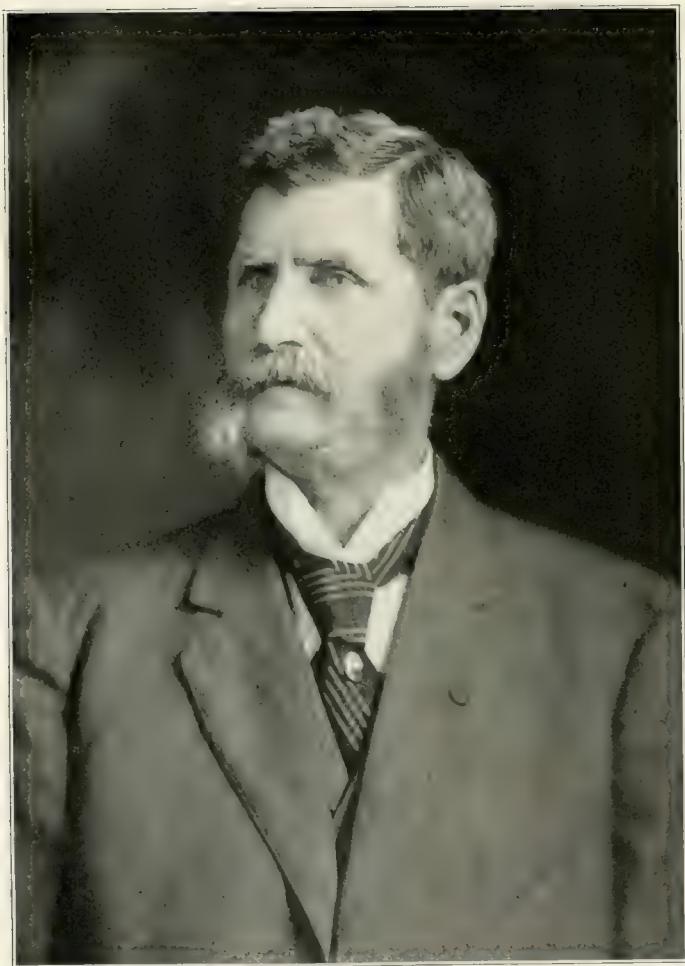
Mr. Smith has always given his political allegiance to the republican party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He has served as a member of the town council and is always interested in progressive movements for the public good. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church and has served on its official board, and his influence and aid are always found on the side of right, progress, truth and advancement.

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### CAPTAIN JOHN W. CARR.

There was one house in Montezuma when Captain John W. Carr came to Poweshiek county. He was then a lad of eight years and has therefore been a witness of the entire growth of the county seat and practically of the entire development and progress of the county and has himself borne an important part in its upbuilding, especially through his connection with the legal profession and with banking interests. His name is indelibly impressed upon the pages of its history.

His birth occurred in Logan county, Illinois, near Mount Pulaski, on the 26th of April, 1839, his parents being William and Catharine (Moore) Carr, natives of Virginia and Ohio respectively. The former was the son of a planter and in early manhood became a resident of Logan county, Illinois, where he developed and improved a farm, meeting the usual experiences and hardships of pioneer life during the early period of his residence there. When the war cry of the savages was heard and the Indians under the leadership of Black Hawk marched against the white settlers he did active duty as a soldier. His wife was born near Columbus, Ohio, and went to Logan county, Illinois, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Moore, who became farming people of the locality. Later Mr. Moore came to Poweshiek county, Iowa, in 1845, his death occurring here the following year. His widow, who bore the maiden name of Sarah Downing, resided near Montezuma for a number of years and was one of the well known pioneer women of this part of the state. Her death occurred in 1875, her daughter, Mrs. Carr, passed away in Illinois in 1843 and William Carr died in 1845. They were the



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parents of four children. Sarah, who was born in 1832, became the wife of Jacob Deardorf, who died in Oklahoma about 1900. Kate, born in 1834, became the wife of Pleasant Deardorf, the brother of her sister's husband, and passed away in Madison county, Iowa, about 1899. Nicholas, born in 1836, was for about eighteen months a soldier of the Tenth Iowa Infantry during the Civil war. He was afterward sheriff of Poweshiek county, Iowa, for four years and later special examiner of tillable land in Nebraska under President Cleveland. He afterward became justice of the peace at Neligh, Nebraska, and died in that state in 1898.

Captain John W. Carr was the youngest of the family and was only six years of age when left an orphan. He lived with an uncle, William Moore, in Illinois until 1847, when with his brother and sisters he started for Iowa to make his home with his maternal grandmother, near Montezuma. They reached their destination on the 23d of December, after crossing the river at Warsaw because of the blockade at Fort Madison. Montezuma had not been platted at that time and contained but one house. The county was largely an unsettled and undeveloped region, the home of Mrs. Moore being in Union township, near Forest Home. Hers was the best house in the county and was a log structure eighteen by twenty feet. Religious services were there held whenever a preacher would visit the neighborhood. When but a young man Captain Carr became inured to the arduous task of developing a new farm, driving oxen to the breaking plow, dropping the corn into the furrows and afterward cultivating the fields until crops were harvested. When school was in session he pursued his education, being a pupil in the first log schoolhouse of the county. It was a primitive structure, having a puncheon floor and seats with windows made of greased paper. The school boys supplied the fuel which was burned in a huge fireplace. The methods of instruction, too, were most crude and it was only at intervals that Captain Carr could attend, as his services were needed upon the home farm. He was ambitious, however, to make advancement along educational lines and utilized his evening hours for study. Later he had the advantage of instruction in the preparatory department of Grinnell College and the following year recited his lessons in the first college building there erected. As opportunity offered he continued his studies until after the outbreak of the Civil war save for the summer of 1857 spent in Missouri.

He was then eighteen years of age and saw for the first time the practices and abuses of slavery, and the opinion which he formed of the system led him later to espouse the abolitionist cause. His attendance at college was alternated by periods of school-teaching, but after the outbreak of the Civil war he put aside all personal considerations and responded to the country's call for aid, enlisting on the 5th of July, 1861, at Iowa City, as a member of Company F, Tenth Iowa Infantry. He was elected second lieutenant and with his command went south, serving with that regiment until February, 1862, when a relapse after an attack of measles forced him to resign and he returned to Montezuma. He then purchased a drug store and began the study of medicine, thinking to become a physician. But on the 5th of July, 1862, following the call for three hundred thousand men, he began raising the company that was attached to the Twenty-eighth Iowa Infantry as Company C. He was commissioned its captain and served until

the close of the war. During his previous enlistment he had held the rank of second lieutenant. The succeeding winter was passed in Arkansas and Mississippi, after which the command entered upon active campaigning, taking part in the battles of Port Gibson, Edwards Station, Champion's Hill, Black River Bridge and the siege of Vicksburg, followed by the battle of Jackson, Mississippi. Later the command returned to Vicksburg and subsequently with the Department of the Gulf went to New Orleans in August, 1863. The year following Captain Carr participated in the engagements at Carrion Crow Bayou and Chaffelisle Bayou in Louisiana. In the spring of 1864 he took part in the Red River expedition under Banks and in July of that year was sent to Washington and afterward participated in the campaign in the Shenandoah valley under Sheridan in the battles of Berryville, Virginia; and of Winchester. At the last named he was wounded, a minie ball piercing his right leg which rendered him unfit for service for six weeks, during which time he was at Harpers Ferry until September 25, when he obtained leave of absence and returned home. On his recovery he rejoined his regiment, with which he remained until the close of the war. Owing to the wounds sustained by his colonel, lieutenant colonel and major he assumed command of the regiment and following his return at the close of the war was brevetted major. After Sheridan's campaign the regiment went to Savannah to return with Sherman and participated in the engagement at Newberne, North Carolina, and subsequently went to Augusta and assisted in paroling Johnston's army. The muster out came at Savannah, July 31, 1865, and later the command proceeded to Davenport, where the troops were honorably discharged and dispersed. That the service was arduous is indicated by the fact that out of the one hundred men of his company originally mustered in and twenty recruits, but forty-five came home together.

Following his return to Montezuma, Captain Carr engaged in general merchandising until 1869, when he was elected clerk of the district court, which position he filled by reelection for three terms, or six years. During that period he studied law and was admitted to the bar in February, 1877. He has since practiced his profession in Montezuma with the exception of a year spent in Des Moines, and for three terms, or six years, he filled the office of county attorney. He was for a time a member of the firm of Redman & Carr, the senior partner becoming subsequently speaker of the Iowa house of representatives. From the beginning of his practice Captain Carr has been accorded a large and distinctively representative clientage and has been associated with much of the important litigation tried in the courts of this district. He prepares his cases thoroughly and his arguments are strongly logical and convincing. He is also well known in financial circles in Poweshiek county, having been president of the Montezuma Savings Bank since its organization in 1893. He was also at one time a director of the First National Bank, which he aided in establishing. He was the owner of considerable farm property in Poweshiek county together with a fine home in Montezuma, but has recently sold his farm property.

On the 10th of January, 1866, in this city Captain Carr was married to Miss Lottie Frick, who was born in Erie, New York, April 30, 1844, and was reared in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. While visiting her sister, Mrs. M. E. Cutts, she formed the acquaintance of Captain Carr, who sought her hand in marriage. Their chil-

dren are: Fred, who for fifteen years has been associated with his father in the practice of law; and Clifford W., a dentist of Los Angeles, California.

In his political views Captain Carr has always been a stalwart republican and in addition to the offices already mentioned he has served as a member of the city council at Montezuma and as a member of the school board. He belongs to Wisner Post, No. 127, G. A. R., of which he has been commander, and holds membership with Lafayette Lodge No. 52, A. F. & A. M., of Montezuma, and the Royal Arch Chapter at Malcolm, Iowa. He is likewise a member of the Knights of Pythias fraternity at Montezuma and of the State Bar Association. His activities have been most varied and in every relation of life he seems to have had a regard for the duties and obligations of citizenship and to have labored at all times for the progress and upbuilding of the community in which he has so long lived. No man in Montezuma is held in higher regard or more justly deserves the respect and honor accorded him.

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### ROBERT RICE.

Robert Rice, who will long be remembered as a prominent farmer and a noble-hearted citizen of Grinnell township, was a native of Wayne county, Kentucky, born May 3, 1853. He was the son of Ebenezer and Rebecca (Parmley) Rice, both of whom were born in Wayne county. The family came to Iowa in the early '70s, and located in Jasper county west of Grinnell, where the parents lived until their death.

Robert Rice received his preliminary education in Kentucky and grew up under the shelter of a kindly home. His opportunities of attendance at school were limited, but he possessed a bright mind and was a close observer and became a man of good general knowledge and thorough discrimination. He came with his parents to Iowa and after his marriage began working on his own account on a farm east of Kellogg, Jasper county. He applied himself with such excellent results that he acquired about five hundred acres and was known as one of the most prosperous farmers of that part of the county. About 1897 he sold his farm, and later purchased one hundred and sixty acres adjoining the fair grounds in Grinnell township, Poweshiek county. He also was the owner of two hundred and forty-five acres six miles west of Grinnell. He engaged in general farming, but made a specialty of cattle feeding, a branch which he understood scientifically, and in this line he was remarkably successful, becoming one of the important cattle feeders of the county.

In 1876 Mr. Rice was united in marriage to Miss Martha Armelda Parmley, a native of Wayne county, Kentucky, and a daughter of Robert and Zerilda (Strunk) Parmley of Parmleyville, Kentucky. Mrs. Rice came to Iowa in her young womanhood with an aunt. In 1877 her parents removed to Kansas and located near Tisdale. The father died March 24, 1907, being then in his seventy-ninth year. Mr. Rice was called away April 4, 1907, at the age of fifty-four years, in the height of an honorable and useful career. Politically, he



gave his support to the democratic party, and fraternally he was identified with the Odd Fellows.

His success in business was due to his great energy and thorough knowledge of a vocation which he studied in all its details. He spared no labor or pains to become thorough and efficient and the honorable record he attained is evidence of his high character and ability. By his many estimable qualities he gained a host of friends who extended to him their sincere regard as a worthy member of the great brotherhood of man.

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### BYRAM B. MARTIN.

Byram B. Martin, who for a number of years has been identified with the insurance business in Malcom, in which connection he has been accorded a most liberal patronage throughout this community and Poweshiek county, is also entitled to special mention as an honored veteran of the Civil war.

He is a native of Indiana, his birth having occurred near Greencastle, Putnam county, on the 20th of April, 1842. His parents, Robert and Lucy (Routt) Martin, were born in Virginia and Kentucky respectively, and were married in the latter state. They became early settlers of Indiana, and there the mother passed away in 1847. In 1852 Mr. Martin became a resident of Boone county, Iowa, where he entered a large tract of land, consisting of about eight hundred acres, and upon which he made his home until the fall of 1859, when he came to Poweshiek county, locating near Montezuma, where he spent his remaining years. He passed away while on a visit to Greencastle, Indiana. After the death of his first wife he again married in Indiana, his second union being with Mrs. Nancy Nosler. Her death occurred in Montezuma. By his first marriage Mr. Martin had six sons and four daughters, of whom Byram B. Martin was the seventh in order of birth. Unto the second marriage was born one son.

Byram B. Martin spent the first ten years of his life in the state of his nativity and, in 1852, came with the family to Iowa. He remained with his father, assisting him in his agricultural pursuits, until twenty years of age when, in July, 1862, he enlisted for service in the Civil war, becoming a soldier in Company K, Eighteenth Iowa Infantry. His term of service extended over three years, or until the close of hostilities, and, in August, 1865, he was mustered out with a creditable record for loyalty and bravery. He participated in many of the important engagements, including the battle at Springfield, Missouri, Poison Spring, Kansas, and the campaign against Price and the Red River campaign. He took part in all of the activities of his regiment, with the exception of a few weeks which he spent in a hospital.

After the country no longer needed his services he returned home and for two years was engaged in farming in Poweshiek county. At the end of that time he became a barber and for twenty-five years followed that trade in Montezuma and Malcom. He was then appointed postmaster of the latter city under the administration of President Harrison, and capably and efficiently filled that office for a term of four years, proving a most popular official. Upon retiring



from that position he embarked in the fire insurance business to which he has given his entire attention for the past twelve years. He has made a careful study of the business, familiarizing himself with all of its various phases, and through the intervening years has so conducted his enterprise that he has built up a most gratifying clientage throughout Malcom and Poweshiek county, which is constantly expanding in volume and growing in importance.

On the 12th of June, 1867, Mr. Martin was united in marriage to Miss Mary Ferneau, who was born in Ross county, Ohio, February 16, 1844. Her parents were Levi and Elizabeth (Taylor) Ferneau, who were both natives of Ohio, where the mother's death occurred. Later the father was again married and in the fall of 1856 brought his family to Iowa, locating in this county on a farm near Montezuma, where he passed his remaining days. Two sons and four daughters were born unto his first union, while by the second marriage there was one daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Martin have become the parents of six children, who are as follows: Charles E., a resident of Oakland, California; La Rue, the wife of Charles H. Blumenauer, of Steubenville, Ohio; R. L., of Malcom; Mary A., who wedded A. L. Burford, of Brooklyn; Nellie M., who wedded L. P. Raymond; and Lucy E., the wife of George Graff, of Sheridan township.

Politically Mr. Martin gives his support to the republican party and he has served as a member of the town council and the school board, although he is not a politician in the sense of office-seeking. He is a member of Lodge No. 369, I. O. O. F., of Malcom, and is a charter member of the Grand Army of the Republic post at Montezuma, which was organized in 1866. He is a man of marked public spirit and in his life exemplifies those qualities which win confidence, respect and good will.

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#### PETER SCHMIDT.

A resident of Poweshiek county since 1855, Peter Schmidt well deserves the name of pioneer and has earned a position as one of the highly successful citizens of the county by acquiring a valuable farm of five hundred acres, upon which he now lives. He is a native of Germany, born September 16, 1826, and is a son of William and Catherine (Baker) Schmidt. The father was a farmer and both he and his wife passed their entire lives in the old country. He died in 1834 and Mrs. Schmidt passed away sixteen years later.

Peter Schmidt acquired his education in the public schools of his native land, and after he grew to manhood engaged in railroad work until he was twenty-six years of age. Being attracted to the new world he crossed the ocean and stopped for a time in New York city and Philadelphia, also spending one year on a farm near Altoona, Pennsylvania. He then traveled westward as far as St. Louis, where he secured work upon a railroad, later engaging as a farm laborer in Illinois. On October 20, 1855, he arrived in Poweshiek county and, having carefully saved his earnings, he purchased a small tract of land, to which he has added as his resources permitted until he now has a beautiful

place of five hundred acres, which is provided with every modern facility. He has engaged in general farming and has also been very successful in raising and fattening stock for the market. In addition to his farming interests he is a stockholder in the bank at Searsboro.

On the 7th of August, 1863, Mr. Schmidt was married to Miss Eliza Sanders, who was born in Ohio, July 12, 1847, and is a daughter of Henry and Hattie (Smith) Sanders. The parents were both natives of the Keystone state. They moved to Ohio and in 1856 came to Poweshiek county and located near Montezuma. They were both members of the Presbyterian church and politically Mr. Sanders gave his support to the democratic party. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt, namely: William, who is now engaged in farming in Washington township; Sarah, the wife of Herman Sella, of Washington township; Samuel, of Jasper county, Iowa; Frank, who is deceased; Henry, also of Washington township; Mary, the wife of William Whalen, of Mahaska county; Rosie, who became the wife of August Dager, of North Dakota; Peter, who is at home; Elizabeth, now Mrs. Guy Ford, of North Dakota; and Francis, also at home.

In religious faith Mr. Schmidt is a Catholic. He has never sought political honors, as his time and attention have largely been devoted to the management of his farm and his promising family of children whom he reared to principles of honor and usefulness. He has now reached the advanced age of eighty-five years and upon younger men rests the responsibility of looking after the home farm, but he still takes a lively interest in agricultural affairs and also in the development of the community of which he has been a member for more than a half century. He has been a living witness of the development of Poweshiek county from the original prairie and woodland to the present state of high productiveness, and is justly honored as one of the substantial and efficient agencies by which this great transformation has been wrought.

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#### FRED C. RAYBURN.

The citizens of Pleasant township, Poweshiek county, are glad to claim Fred C. Rayburn as one of their native sons, for he is a most enterprising and progressive young farmer, born here on the 30th of July, 1872, a son of John G. and Annie (Gier) Rayburn. The parents were born in the state of Ohio but are numbered among the pioneers of Poweshiek county, having settled here in the early '50s. For many years the father followed farming in this section of the state but he is now living retired in Montezuma, where he and his estimable wife are enjoying the fruits of their former toil. Unto them have been born six children, namely: Ettie, the deceased wife of Fred Ingram; Charles, a resident of Dalhart, Texas; Fred C., whose name introduces this review; Flora, the wife of Clyde Blain, a resident of Jackson township; Alfred, of Montezuma; and Harland, who is a student of art in Chicago.

Fred C. Rayburn, the third in order of birth, was reared on the home farm, early being trained to the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the farm lad.

and as his age and strength increased he more largely assumed responsibilities and thus was qualified to carry on business on his own account in later life. He remained with his parents until they removed to Montezuma and then took up farming on his own account. He has prospered in his undertakings and is now the owner of three hundred acres of valuable farm land, situated on section 20, Pleasant township, which is known as the old Ewart property and has been in his possession since 1904. His place is well improved and he makes stock-feeding the principal feature of his labors.

It was on the 20th of January, 1897, that Mr. Rayburn was married to Miss Mattie Ewart, who was born on the farm which is still her home, February 8, 1876. Her father, Robert Ewart, who was one of the well known and prosperous farmers of Pleasant township, is now deceased. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Rayburn have been born a son and daughter, Lester and Bernice.

In politics Mr. Rayburn is a republican and is now serving his second term as township trustee. He attends and supports the Methodist Episcopal church, but is not a member of any religious organization. He is a stockholder in the Ewart Cooperative Creamery Company and is ever interested in any industry or enterprise that tends to benefit the community in which he makes his home. He and his wife are well known here, for their entire lives have been passed in the district which is still their home and their numerous friends have for them the highest regard and esteem.

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### EDGAR J. HARRIS.

Edgar J. Harris, a well known farmer of Poweshiek county, comes of an industrious family, as is indicated by the prosperity enjoyed by four brothers, all of whom were born in England and sought in America the opportunities unavailable under conditions existing in the old world. Mr. Harris was born at Dorsetshire, England, August 31, 1872, and is the son of James and Elizabeth (Slade) Harris, both of whom were born in Dorsetshire. Mr. Harris spent his entire life in England as a farmer, but the mother came to America in 1890, after the death of her husband, and is now living with one of her sons in Poweshiek county.

Edgar J. Harris was educated in England and at seventeen years of age crossed the ocean to America with Edwin Dare, a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work. He came to Poweshiek county and soon found employment at farm labor. Later he rented the old Williams' farm in Chester township, which he cultivated to good advantage for eleven years and then, in 1898, purchased one hundred and sixty acres, upon which he established his homestead. He also acquired eighty acres on Bear creek, and is, therefore, the owner of two hundred and forty acres of good Poweshiek county land which yields each year a handsome revenue. He is a general farmer and stock-feeder and the success he has achieved is the direct result of his industry, energy and wise management.

On the 11th of July, 1900, Mr. Harris was united in marriage to Miss Mary D. Schmidt, a daughter of William Schmidt, for many years a resident of Poweshiek county and one of its prosperous farmers. Mr. Harris is recognized as a wide-awake, up-to-date man, and a public-spirited citizen, who has contributed his share toward the progress of the community. His farm has been excellently managed and his home is one of the handsomest residences in the township. In politics he supports the republican party and, having been reared in the Church of England, he has through life been faithful to its tenets.

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### JOHN S. BEELER.

The memory of John S. Beeler, for the past forty-five years a resident of Poweshiek county, carries him back still further to the pioneer days of Iowa, when a large part of this great state was yet open prairie and little was known as to its resources.

He was born at Marion, Iowa, September 13, 1845, and was a member of a family of sixteen children—eight sons and eight daughters—of Fred and Nancy (Dollarhide) Beeler, the former of whom was a native of West Virginia and the latter of Indiana. They were married in 1836 at Indianapolis, and in 1837 came to Iowa and lived for several years at Muscatine, where the father engaged in work in connection with the river traffic. From that place he moved to Linn county, Iowa, and took up land at Marion, being one of the early settlers of that section. The Indians were still wandering at large through the country when he arrived in Linn county and he maintained with them the most friendly relations, often trading horses with his visitors. This was a favorite diversion of the early days. He was a man of good business ability and a large landowner, possessing one thousand acres of good Linn county land. In politics he gave his support to the democratic party, and in religious belief affiliated with the Methodist church, of which he was deacon and trustee. He took a great interest in education and was a valued member of the school board. A man of many sterling characteristics, he was greatly respected wherever he was known. He died February 12, 1895, having then reached the age of eighty-one years. Mrs. Beeler was called away five years later.

John S. Beeler, of this review, received his early education in the public schools of Marion, Iowa, and also had the advantage of attendance at the high school in the same town. He was reared under the favorable conditions of farm life, and even as a boy displayed remarkable strength and ability in his work. One day, in a few hours, he split eighty-five railroad ties. He followed this occupation for twenty-seven days and then in December, 1866, arrived in Poweshiek county and went to work on shares under his uncle, George M. Beeler. In 1868 his father gave him a farm in Linn county, which he soon afterward disposed of, and settled on productive land in Poweshiek county where he has since continued. He is now the owner of six hundred acres, and his wife owns sixty-eight acres in this county. He also owns three hundred and forty acres in Missouri. He has for thirty-five years been a large raiser and feeder of stock, devoting his attention





MR. AND MRS. JOHN S. BEELER



especially to Hereford cattle and the breeding of Percheron horses, in which he has attained an enviable reputation.

On the 22d of January, 1871, Mr. Beeler was united in marriage to Miss Ellen C. Beeler, a daughter of George M. and Nancy (Carpenter) Beeler, and of this union ten children have been born, namely: Ira C., who is now living in Washingtown township; Ora F., who lives at Hugo, Colorado; George F., of Pleasant township; May, who became the wife of L. A. Winters, of Jacob, Iowa; Nancy A., who married Joe H. Bradley, of Missouri; Mary, who married E. S. Morrison, a business man of Grinnell; John Cleveland; Louis Clark, now engaged in farming in Sugar Creek township; Janie, who married John Reed, of Pleasant township; and Clara, who is now a student in the Grinnell high school.

Politically Mr. Beeler gives his allegiance to the democratic party. He has been a candidate for member of the lower house of the state legislature at two different elections but, his party being in the minority, he was unsuccessful and met with defeat. In religious belief he adheres to the faith of the Society of Friends and through life he has aimed to be guided by the teachings of this worthy organization. Fortunate in possessing qualities of mind and heart which are inseparable from honorable manhood, he won the respect of neighbors and acquaintances and for many years has been a tower of strength in the community. He has always been loyal to every trust and has ever been ready to assist in every movement for the upbuilding of the section. It is with pleasure that this record is here given of one of the clear-headed and noble-hearted men of Poweshiek county.

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#### WILLIAM H. ALLEY.

William H. Alley is a well known farmer and business man who for a number of years has engaged as sprinkling contractor at Grinnell. He is a native of Canada, born November 24, 1854, and is a son of Jeremiah and Kathryn (Gifford) Alley, both of whom were born in Canada. The father removed with his family to Dane county, Wisconsin, where he engaged in farming for ten years, and then came to Iowa, locating in Tama county, where he continued to reside until his death, which occurred in 1879. The mother is still living and makes her home with her children. In the family were the following children: A. M., who married Ella Robinson and is now a resident of Huron, S. D.; William H., of this review; J. H., who married Elizabeth A. Spire and lives in Grinnell; Enos G., who married Jessie Harmon and makes his home in Huron, S. D.; George W., also a resident of Huron, who married Kittie Coburn; Charles E., who married Maud Crew and lives in Meridian, Mississippi; and Electa, the wife of W. W. Dale, of Grinnell township, this county.

William H. Alley received his early education in the common schools and continued with his parents until after attaining his majority. He removed with them to Tama county, this state in 1866. Ever since his boyhood he has been actively identified with agricultural and stock-raising interests. He engaged in farming for seventeen years in Sheridan township, Poweshiek county, where

he still owns a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, and in 1895 removed to Grinnell, where he established his home. During the last two years upon his farm he devoted considerable attention to raising Poland China hogs, in which he was very successful. He rented his place and is now living in Grinnell, where he has rendered efficient service for thirteen years as contractor for street sprinkling.

On March 11, 1879, Mr. Alley was united in marriage in Highland township, Tama county, to Miss Mary J. Steikle, a daughter of A. H. and Mary Steikle. The parents were both born in Canada and removed to Tama county, Iowa, where Mr. Steikle devoted his attention to farming. Mrs. Alley died in 1894 and on January 2, 1896, Mr. Alley was married to Mrs. Amelia Smith, a native of Germany, and a daughter of C. H. Speth. Mr. Alley has three children living: Nellie, the wife of Peter J. Schmeltz, who is engaged in the manufacture of automobile tops at Marshalltown, Iowa; Hazel, who is a student in the high school and is now living at home; and George Roger. Bertha Smith, a daughter of Mrs. Alley by her former marriage, graduated as a kindergarten teacher at Des Moines.

Ever since McKinley's election Mr. Alley has given his support to the republican party. In religious belief he is a Methodist and is now serving as trustee of the church at Grinnell. He is a valued member of the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Brotherhood of America and as a business man is identified with the Commercial Club. Active, industrious and enterprising, he is thoroughly efficient in anything he undertakes and as his life is governed by sound principles he always aims to deal justly with his fellowmen. He is of a genial and accommodating disposition and it is greatly to his credit that his best friends are to be found among those with whom he has had business relations.

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### JOHN BOSLEY GORSUCH.

John Bosley Gorsuch, who is numbered among the progressive and prosperous agriculturists of Jackson township, is a representative of one of the old pioneer families of Iowa. He was born in that township on the 19th of November, 1871, and has spent almost his entire life within its borders. A son of Daniel L. and Mary J. (Murrow) Gorsuch, of whom mention is made on another page, he is one of seven surviving children in a family of twelve. He acquired his education in the schools of Jackson township and also received broad practical training under the direction of his father, for, reared amid the busy activities of rural life, he was early taught the value of industry, energy and perseverance. He remained on the home farm, giving his father the benefit of his assistance, until the time of his marriage, after which he removed to Mahaska county and there resided from 1894 until 1897.

Mr. Gorsuch then returned to Poweshiek county and spent the following three years on a rented farm in Union township, at the end of which time he purchased his present home of one hundred acres, located on section 17, Jack-



son township. This place is a highly improved property, containing a comfortable dwelling, substantial outbuildings and all the conveniences necessary, and he is giving his time to the cultivation of grain together with stock-raising. As a farmer he has been quite successful and, taking pride in the appearance of his farm, has added every improvement which may contribute to its neatness and fertility. He has also made such study of the soil as to enable him to so adapt his crops as to reap the maximum yield per acre. He has made of his farm a good paying proposition and prosperity has attended his efforts as the years have gone by, so that today he stands among the substantial and progressive agriculturists of Jackson township.

Mr. Gorsuch was united in marriage, on the 11th of February, 1894, to Miss Blanche Wilkinson, who was born in Mahaska county, July 1, 1873, a daughter of John P. and Cynthia A. (Watkins) Wilkinson, residents of Barnes City, Iowa. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Gorsuch have been born two children, Ida F. and Thomas Daniel.

A lifelong republican, Mr. Gorsuch is now serving his third term as township trustee, in which position he is proving a most faithful and public-spirited official. Fraternally he holds membership in Aztec Lodge, No. 238, K. P., at Montezuma. Having spent almost his entire life in this locality he has drawn around him a wide circle of friends and acquaintances who entertain for him unqualified respect and esteem, a fact which indicates that the principles which have actuated his conduct have ever been those which govern honorable manhood and desirable citizenship.

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### JOHN A. EVANS.

The farming interests of Scott township and Poweshiek county are well represented by John A. Evans, who cultivates a tract of four hundred acres. He has always been identified with the interests of this section, for his birth occurred on a farm about five miles south of Montezuma, June 29, 1857. He is a son of Daniel John and Jane (Fields) Evans, the former born in Greene county, Ohio, November 12, 1818, a son of George Evans, who was born in Wales and emigrated to the United States in an early day, making a permanent location in Ohio, where he passed away. His son, Daniel J., was reared in the Buckeye state and was there married. In the fall of 1852 he removed to the middle west, locating in Mahaska county, Iowa, but after a brief stay of two or three years there he continued his journey to Poweshiek county and here engaged in farming. With him and his family also came two brothers and a sister. Mr. Evans was married twice ere coming to Poweshiek county and by his first union he had two sons but the younger is deceased, the other being N. G., of Thornburg, Nebraska. After the death of his first wife, he wedded Miss Jane Fields, who was likewise born in Greene county, Ohio, in May, 1820. Her death occurred in Scott township, this county, in May, 1872, when she was fifty-two years of age. She was the mother of nine children: Alfred A., of O'Brien county, Iowa; Mary E., the wife of Robert R. Johnston, a resident

of South Dakota; C. G., who makes his home in Montezuma; John A., of this review; Aseneth, the wife of Samuel Meldrem, a resident of Brooklyn; Alan-son, deceased; and three who died in infancy. The father was actively connected with farming interests in Poweshiek county until about four years ago, when he removed to Brooklyn, where he has since made his home.

John A. Evans was reared to farm life, assisting in the work of the fields during the spring and summer months, while in the winter season he attended the district schools near his father's home. When starting out upon an independent business venture he chose as his work the occupation to which he had been reared. He began with eighty acres which he purchased but he afterward sold this and bought his present place, which comprises four hundred acres, situated on sections 2, 3, 10 and 11, Scott township, all in one body. On the place are two sets of good buildings, while the fields are under a high state of cultivation and annually yield bounteous harvests. Mr. Evans is progressive in his methods of farm work and is ever ready to adopt any measures along agricultural lines that he believes will prove of benefit.

Mr. Evans was married October 4, 1888, to Miss Sarah E. Lineweaver, who was born in Rockingham county, Virginia, October 4, 1872, a daughter of C. B. Lineweaver, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume. Their marriage has been blessed by two sons and a daughter: Earl L.; Elsie May, the wife of Henry Allen, a resident of Scott township; and Allen Ray.

Mr. Evans is a democrat in his political views and affiliations, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist church. He is well known throughout Poweshiek county and has a reputation for fair and honorable dealing surpassed by no man in this community. Considerate and thoughtful, his life is that of a man who practices what he preaches to others and he is leaving a name that will be an honor to his family.

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#### RAY A. CLARKE.

Over thirty years ago Ray A. Clarke established his home in Grinnell township and devoted himself to agriculture and stockraising with an enterprise and ability which enables him now to live retired in the enjoyment of the fruits of his labor. He was born at Arcade, New York, February 28, 1850, a son of Elbert and Louise (Steele) Clarke. The father was a native of Brookfield, New York, and the mother of Arcade. Early in life Elbert Clarke gave evidence of unusual talent as a public speaker and at nineteen years of age began preaching, becoming a prominent minister of the Baptist church at Buffalo, New York. He delivered a noted sermon on the death of William Henry Harrison to a body of distinguished men of the nation. He was of a highly intellectual and nervous temperament and died at the age of thirty-six at Arcade in the midst of a life of great usefulness.

In early boyhood Ray A. Clarke lost his father and in 1859 moved with his mother to Oberlin, Ohio. He attended the common schools and was later graduated from a business college and became a student at Oberlin college. In 1866



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the family removed to New Haven, Connecticut, and continued there for two years, during which time he possessed advantages of training in a military school of that city. They then returned to Oberlin and in 1877 moved to Painesville, Ohio. Mr. Clarke can relate many interesting incidents that occurred during his boyhood in Ohio. On the 25th of May, 1863, when only thirteen years of age, he nearly lost his life in a vain endeavor to save Martin Fitch while swimming in Black river. The water was cold and his companion went down in the middle of the river. Mr. Clarke reached him and started to help him to the shore but the boy pulled him under and he was compelled to let go or he too would have been drowned.

In 1879, having decided that the west offered better inducements for an ambitious young man than he had observed in northern Ohio, Mr. Clarke came to Iowa and located upon a farm in Grinnell township, Poweshiek county. He diligently improved his place and devoted his attention for many years principally to raising cattle for the market. As he made use of good judgment, his business grew in importance and yielded generous annual returns so that he attained a position of comparative financial independence.

In September, 1882, Mr. Clarke was united in marriage at Grinnell to Miss Cornelia Shepard, a daughter of Levi and Mary (St. John) Shepard, both of whom were natives of Painesville, Ohio, and are now deceased. Mr. Shepard was one of the large landowners of his locality. One daughter, Cornelia S., came to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Clarke. The beloved wife and mother passed away in 1884 and the daughter is now keeping house for her father. She is an excellent scholar, having graduated from the high school and also from Grinnell College and has proved an invaluable assistant and companion to her father.

Mr. Clarke is identified with the Congregational church and is a staunch supporter of its doctrines. Politically he gives his allegiance to the republican party, although he does not hold himself strictly to party lines in voting. He is of a modest, retiring disposition and has never sought the emoluments or honors of public office, preferring to concentrate his attention upon his business. He has many friends whom he has made by his genial, social qualities and by many years of honorable business dealings. He has witnessed great changes in his adopted county since taking up his abode here and as a reputable representative and valued citizen he has assisted materially in its transformation.

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#### REV. JAMES L. HILL, D. D.

It is most fitting that Dr. James L. Hill be mentioned in the history of Poweshiek county for every citizen of the county is proud of his record and he numbers among the residents of this county many warm friends. Moreover, he completed his literary education in Grinnell College and has since been a stalwart, zealous and helpful friend of the institution.

Numbered among Iowa's native sons, Dr. Hill was born at Garnavillo, March 14, 1848, a son of the Rev. James J. Hill, who was long associated with the work of the ministry in Iowa and gave the first dollar to found Grinnell

College, the proof of which fact Dr. Hill has in a written or printed statement from five of the men who were his father's associates at the time. His mother, Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Hill, was present at the meeting in Dubuque when additional plans for Grinnell College took definite form and this record is still extant: "The wives also of the ministers, anxious to share in the enterprise of founding the college, resolved to raise one hundred dollars out of their own resources and seventy dollars were subscribed by fourteen who were present." It was at this time that Mrs. Hill, who died at the early age of twenty-eight years, exclaimed: "Somebody must be built into these foundations," and these words are inscribed upon her monument in the cemetery at Grinnell.

Reared amid the refining influences of a cultured home, where intellectual training and moral teaching were rated at their true worth as forces in character building, Dr. Hill was provided with such opportunities and advantages as his parents could secure for him and completed his more specifically literary education by a course in Grinnell College, from which he was graduated with the class of 1871. He was a tutor there in 1871-2 and a continuous resident of Poweshiek county for twelve years. Following his connection with the college he left Grinnell and went east for professional training at Andover Theological Seminary. There he applied himself closely to the mastery of the branches that constituted the curriculum of the school and before his graduation was called to the pastorate of the North Congregational church in Lynn, Massachusetts. During the ten years of his absence at school he never received a dollar from home to assist him in meeting his tuition and other necessary expenses and during the last year of his student life he earned eight hundred dollars notwithstanding the fact that he applied himself so closely to his studies that he won the valedictorian honors of his class.

As clergyman, lecturer and author Dr. Hill has since become known throughout the country, his labors calling him into various sections, but throughout the years he has never ceased to feel the deepest attachment for his alma mater nor neglected any opportunity to promote the interests and work of Grinnell College, of which he is still a trustee. He spent his first night in Poweshiek county in a small building, still standing, opposite the residence of the president of the college at Grinnell and this he and his brother Dr. Gershom H. Hill have purchased with the intention of presenting it as a gift to the school. He and his brother also founded the Hill prize for excellence in extemporaneous address in Grinnell College and they have been repeatedly assured that the competition for this prize constitutes the most popular event at commencement. Following his father's example in giving the first dollar to a college, he made the earliest gift to aid in the establishment of Yankton College, founded by the Dakota Band, who in that state planted the seeds of Christian citizenship and civilization. This dollar was found in the desk of the college president after his death with a statement as to where it came from. For some years pastoral labors occupied his attention and throughout his life he has been a teacher, not always in the school room or in the pulpit for at other times his teaching has been done from the lecture platform. He was one of four clergymen who in 1891 were selected to make addresses and to found societies of Christian Endeavor in England. He established the society at old Boston, Eng-

land, and the same year was created Doctor of Divinity by his alma mater, being the first of her graduates on whom she conferred this honor. From the beginning of the United Society of Christian Endeavor he has been one of its trustees and he was one of four who secured control of the Golden Rule, a religious paper, making it the recognized official organ of the Christian Endeavor Society. In the effort now being made to raise two hundred thousand dollars for a Christian Endeavor headquarters building in Boston Dr. Hill has agreed to give the last fifteen thousand dollars.

In acknowledgment of this generous gift the following was presented him: "The executive committee of the board of trustees of the United States Christian Endeavor desires to express and put on record their hearty appreciation of the generous gift of fifteen thousand dollars—the largest gift yet made—for the new Headquarters building by one of their own number, Rev. James L. Hill, D. D. They unite in wishing for the donor the Scriptural benediction. 'The liberal soul shall be made fat and he that watereth shall be watered also himself.'"

In recent years Dr. Hill has become widely known through his appearance on the lecture platform and is regarded as one of the most attractive speakers sent out by the Central Lyceum Bureau. He has made addresses in all of the capitals of New England and in almost all of the states of the Union. In 1878 he was selected to deliver the Election Sermon before the governor and legislature of Massachusetts. Some of his lectures he has delivered more than a hundred times. His lectures, adapted to the times, treat of social life, travel and reform. Among his most popular addresses are those given under the subjects: How to be at Home at Home; Team Work; Cupid; Success a Duty; How we Struck Each Other; Europe and I; The Spirit of '61; and The Worst Boys in Town. At all places wherever he has spoken he has found favor with his audiences and the opinions of the press in different cities are unanimous in their support of him as "a brilliant speaker, who clothes his ideas in simple descriptive language that even a child may grasp and comprehend." "There is a certain magnetism about him which attracts his listeners and carries them with him. . . . Pleasantry and wit constituted features of his lectures and the people were not only pleased with his manner of delivery but also with his rounded periods and illustrations and best of all his noble sentiments." His writings perhaps cover even wider range. He is the author of various volumes and pamphlets, including *The Growth of Government*, which was published by vote of the legislature of Massachusetts; *Modern Methods of Christian Nurture*; *Boys in the Late War*; *Decade of History*; *Woman and Satan*; *The Problem of Spiritual Awakenings*; *The Superlative Vacation*; *Seven Sorts of Successful Sunday Evening Services*; and *Historic Pilgrimages*. His leaflets and newspaper articles are very numerous and his fugitive pieces that have been gathered fill seven hundred and fifty pages, as large as an atlas.

In 1878 Dr. Hill was united in marriage to Miss Lucy B. Dunham, the only daughter of the chaplain of the Massachusetts senate. In his travels he has been collecting with much painstaking care and considerable expense a large number of curios and valuable relics which are to be the nucleus of a museum which he intends to give to Grinnell College. This already includes



some articles that cannot be duplicated either in North or South America. He also possesses the most valuable collection in existence bearing on the earliest religious history of Iowa, including the letters inviting "the immortal eleven" to this state to establish the work of their church within the boundaries of the commonwealth. More than one-half of the members of the Iowa Band contributed to the treasures touching early Iowa history which are in Dr. Hill's keeping.

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### JESSE L. FELLOWS.

The success which follows close application and ready appreciation for and utilization of opportunities has come to Jesse L. Fellows, who is now manager of the Grinnell Washing Machine Company and a financial, if not an active, factor in several other business enterprises. He was born in Vinton, Benton county, Iowa, November 28, 1878, a son of E. G. and Lottie A. (Wilder) Fellows, both of whom were natives of Canandaigua, New York, where they were married in 1869. They came to Iowa in 1870, settling in Vinton, and the father, who was a photographer, conducted a gallery in that city for a number of years. He came to Grinnell in 1889, since which time he has served in the capacity of engineer for public schools.

Jesse L. Fellows was reared at home and pursued his education in Grinnell Academy and Grinnell College, being graduated from the latter with the B. S. degree in the class of 1901. His school days over, he went to North Dakota and became local agent at Bowbells and later at Sherwood for the Stoltze Lumber Company, with which he remained for about five years.

While residing in Sherwood Mr. Fellows was united in marriage on the 28th of June, 1905, to Miss Maude B. Young, of Clarion, Iowa, and in 1907 returned to Grinnell, where he purchased an interest in the lumber firm of Carney, Brande & Clark. On the reorganization of the business the firm name of Clark & Fellows was assumed and the partnership was maintained for two years, after which Mr. Fellows sold his interest and for a year following was engaged in no business. However, during that period he awaited a favorable opportunity for reentrance into commercial life and became a stockholder of the Grinnell Washington Machine Company on its organization in 1908. He was at that time elected a director of the company but not until the fall of 1909 did he become active in the business. He was then called upon to assume the management of the enterprise and so continued until January, 1910, when he secured a new manager. This arrangement, however, proved unsatisfactory and he again took up the management of the business of which he now has charge. His sound judgment, his keen insight into conditions and possibilities and his unfaltering energy have proved strong forces in the successful conduct of the enterprise, which is recognized today as one of growing and substantial importance. He also has other investments in business affairs and is regarded as one of the prominent and leading men of the city, his labors constituting an important element in the promotion of trade interests in Iowa.



Mr. Fellows is a member of Grinnell Lodge, No. 175, K. P., and also of the Modern Woodmen camp. He is deeply interested in everything that pertains to the welfare and progress of his town and his cooperation can always be counted upon to further measures for the public good. He has, moreover, an interesting military chapter in his life history, for at the end of his sophomore year in college he responded to the country's call and enlisted for service in the Spanish-American war, becoming a member of Company G, Forty-ninth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. The regiment spent one year in Cuba and after the cessation of hostilities he received his discharge and returned home, resuming his college work where he had laid it down. In politics he has been a staunch republican since age conferred upon him the right of franchise but has never been an office seeker. He belongs to the Congregational church and his influence is always found on the side of progress and improvement. Although a young man, he has made for himself a very creditable position in business circles and Grinnell places his name high on the list of her energetic and progressive business men.

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#### FRED R. BASTIAN.

In the enjoyment of a well earned rest at his present home in Malcom, Fred R. Bastian and his estimable wife look back upon many years of active labor and usefulness in the course of which they endeared themselves to neighbors and friends and assisted very materially in promoting the welfare of the community. They are both natives of Prussia, Germany. Mr. Bastian was born May 17, 1834, being the son of William and Mary (Crone) Bastian, both of whom were born in Pomman, Germany.

Mr. Bastian, of this review, received his education in the common schools and continued upon his father's farm until he was fourteen years of age. He then hired out at thirty dollars per year as a farm hand and worked for wages until 1862, when he was married to Miss Hannah Strebeng, a daughter of Christian and Mary (Pessel) Strebeng, both of whom were natives of Prussia and identified with the farming interests. The mother died in Germany and in 1868 Mr. Strebeng came to America where he died the same year at the home of his son in Chicago, Illinois.

In 1868 Mr. Bastian crossed the ocean with his family to the new world and for two years worked by the day on a farm near Wilton Center, Illinois, then becoming a renter of land for six years in the same section. Having decided to seek his fortune further west, he came to Iowa, and for thirteen years rented a farm of one hundred and twenty acres. During these years, with the assistance of his wife and by the practice of wise economy, he acquired sufficient capital to buy eighty acres of land two miles east of Malcom, in Poweshiek county. He met with such favorable results upon his farm that two years later he purchased another tract of eighty acres in Bear township. His fields responded to his care and labor and he became one of the substantial citizens of the county, continuing as an agriculturist and stock-raiser

until 1909, when he retired from active work, rented his farm, and he and his wife are now living at Malcom where they expect to spend the remainder of their days. Two children were born to them, namely: Charles, now a farmer of Malcom township, who married Miss Nellie Wickman, and has one daughter, Nellie, aged fourteen years; and William, now living on a farm in Chester township, who married Miss Lena Rohr, and who have two children: Powell, eleven years of age, and Arnold, aged three years.

Mr. Bastian and his wife are consistent members of the German Lutheran church of Malcom. In political faith he gives his adherence to the republican party, but has never held public office, preferring to devote his time and energies to his business and his family. Although seventy-seven years of age he is in excellent health and bodily strength and is proud of the fact that he has never experienced a single day's illness since arriving in America. Both he and his wife are widely known in the county where they have lived so many years. They have truly performed their part in enhancing the comfort and happiness of those with whom they have associated.

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#### ALVIN D. RAYL.

A well kept farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Washington township which conveys the impression of comfort and prosperity is the homestead of Alvin D. Rayl. He was born in this township April 24, 1864, a son of Hymelius and Sarah J. (Macy) Rayl. The father was born in North Carolina, March 25, 1827, and the mother in Indiana. They were married in the latter state, and later came to Poweshiek county and established a home in Sugar Creek township. Subsequently they moved to Washington township, upon eighty acres, and after a few years the farm was increased by the addition of sixty-five acres. As old age approached they made their home with the subject of this review where the father is now living, Mrs. Rayl having been called away December 18, 1901. Mr. Rayl is a member of the Society of Friends and in politics adheres to the republican party. In their family were eight children, namely: William C., of Newton, Iowa; Charles T., who is now living with the subject of this review; Jabez H., of Union county, Iowa; Jesse M., of Post, Kansas; Esther A., the wife of Luther Stanley, of Jasper county; Alvin D.; Estella, the wife of Harry Thompson, of Poweshiek county; and Barclay H., who resides in Texas.

Alvin D. Rayl received his education in the district schools of Washington township and at the Lynnville high school. After completing his education he assisted his father upon the home farm until reaching his majority, and then rented land upon his own account in Washington township. After acquiring sufficient capital he purchased sixty-five acres and, in 1894, bought eighty acres of his father's land, to which he added another tract of eighty acres, disposing of the sixty-five acres which he originally owned. His farm which comprises one hundred and sixty acres presents a neat and thrifty appearance and gives evidence of a high state of cultivation and abundant annual returns. He makes



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a specialty of raising hogs for the market and as he follows progressive modern methods he is highly successful.

On the 25th of December, 1901, Mr. Rayl was married to Miss Molly J. Revis, a daughter of J. W. and Catherine Revis, of Grinnell, Iowa. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Rayl: Elsie, who was born April 4, 1903; Delbert, born June 6, 1905; and Thelma, born July 9, 1907.

Mr. Rayl has engaged in farming since his boyhood, and having early been thoroughly instructed in farm work and management he has avoided many mistakes of those less thoroughly trained and is now enjoying the fruits of years of patient and carefully directed industry. In political belief he gives his allegiance to the republican party and has served very acceptably as a member of the school board. He is a staunch supporter of Christianity and holds membership in the Society of Friends, an organization in which he was reared and whose principles in an important degree have been his guide through life. Possessing qualities which win success in business and the confidence of his associates, he enjoys the good will of his neighbors and of all who know him.

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#### EVAN S. EVANS, M. D.

Dr. Evan S. Evans, a successful medical practitioner of Grinnell, has built up and is now enjoying an extensive and lucrative practice as a physician and surgeon. His birth occurred in Hampton, Iowa, on the 20th of October, 1880, his parents being William D. and Julia (Stark) Evans. The Evans family has long been a prominent one in this state, the grandfather of our subject, Evan J. Evans, being one of the early Welsh Congregational ministers of Iowa county. Both he and his wife, who bore the maiden name of Ann Davis, were natives of Wales. They were married just before or just after their emigration to the new world, their first home being near Racine, Wisconsin, in the Welsh colony of that section. About 1857 they came west to Iowa, locating in Iowa county, where Evan J. Evans preached the gospel for a great many years, becoming one of the most widely known early divines of the state. His demise occurred in Iowa county sometime in the early '80s but his widow still survives, making her home with a daughter in Williamsburg.

William D. Evans, the father of Dr. Evans, was born in Racine, Wisconsin, in 1852 and was admitted to the bar after receiving his law degree from the State University of Iowa. He was actively engaged in the practice of his profession at Hampton, Iowa, until about 1901, when he was elected judge of the district court, thus serving until 1908. In that year he was appointed to fill a vacancy as judge of the supreme court and on the expiration of the term was regularly elected to the office, while in 1910 he was reelected. His wife is the daughter of Benjamin Stark, who was a great-nephew of General John Stark of Revolutionary fame. One of their sons, William Donald Evans, Jr., is a prominent attorney of Des Moines, while David W. Evans, an uncle of Dr. Evans of this review, is a leading lawyer of Hampton, Iowa.

Evans S. Evans was reared under the parental roof and was graduated from the Hampton high school with the class of 1897. He then entered Iowa College and was graduated from that institution with the class of 1902, winning the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy. In the fall of 1903 he took up the study of medicine in Rush Medical College and, being given one year's credit because of his degree, graduated from that institution in 1906. Subsequently he spent six months as interne in the Chicago Emergency Hospital, while during the next eighteen months he served an internship in the Cook County Hospital. Locating for practice at Brooklyn, Iowa, he there remained for a little less than a year and then came to Grinnell, which town has since been the scene of his professional labors. His practice has steadily grown in volume and importance as he has demonstrated his ability to cope with the intricate problems which continually confront the physician in his efforts to restore health and prolong life. He is a member of both the Poweshiek County Medical Society and the Iowa State Medical Society, thus keeping in touch with the advancement made by the profession.

In 1908 Dr. Evans was joined in wedlock to Miss Marabelle Baldwin, of Whitewater, Wisconsin. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Congregational church, to which his wife also belongs. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, belonging to Herman Lodge, No. 273. He is also a member of the Modern Brotherhood of America and belongs to two Greek letter fraternities, the Phi Beta Phi and the Alpha Omega Alpha. He is conscientious and faithful in the discharge of his professional duties and in his practice conforms closely to a high standard of professional ethics.

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### JOHN W. JACKSON.

John W. Jackson, who is engaged in stock-raising in Union township, was born in Clinton county, Ohio, on the 15th of February, 1855. His father, Jesse Jackson, was a native of the same place, his birth having occurred on the 24th of April, 1833. There he met and subsequently married Miss Catherine Bryan, who was born in Virginia on the 12th of October, 1832, their union being solemnized on the 13th of April, 1854. They began their domestic life on a farm in Clinton county, continuing to reside there until 1858, in which year they migrated to Iowa, living on a farm in Warren county for four years. At the expiration of that period they returned to Ohio, where they resided for eight years. In 1871 they again came to Iowa, locating on a farm which Mr. Jackson purchased in Union township, Poweshiek county, and there he engaged in general farming and stock-raising during the remainder of his active career. He passed away on the 19th of October, 1902, but the mother is still living, at the age of seventy-nine years, and continues to reside upon the old homestead. Mr. Jackson was a member of the Society of Friends, while his political support he gave to the republican party, by which body he was elected a member of the board of school directors. Unto him and his wife were born four

children, the order of their birth being as follows: John W., our subject; Elbridge L., who is living at home; Lillian, the wife of William Tindall, of Union township; and Adelia, who became the wife of Henry C. Saunders, of Jackson township.

The common schools of Clinton county, Ohio, and Union township, Poweshiek county, provided John W. Jackson with his preliminary education, following which he attended Penn College at Oskaloosa, Iowa. After the completion of his education he remained at home and engaged in teaching school for five or six years. He subsequently decided that he preferred to follow agricultural pursuits and so purchased a farm in Union township, where, in addition to the cultivation of his fields, he breeds and raises thoroughbred shorthorn cattle and Poland China hogs, which has proven to be a very lucrative business.

Fraternally Mr. Jackson is affiliated with the Masonic order, holding membership in the lodge of Montezuma. His political support he has accorded the republican party ever since granted the right of franchise on attaining his majority. He is now serving as township assessor, has filled the office of township clerk and is also acting in the capacity of secretary of the school board. Mr. Jackson is one of the public-spirited and progressive citizens of Union township as well as a capable business man, whose judgment and opinion has considerable influence in local matters.

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#### WILLIS CLINTON BENSON.

Willis Clinton Benson, who is engaged in the produce business in Searsboro, was born in Fayette county, Ohio, on the 23d of October, 1846, and is a son of James and Sarah (McPowell) Benson. The parents were also natives of Fayette county, where the mother passed away in 1848. The father, who was a cobbler, migrated to Iowa in 1850, locating in Benton county, where he followed his trade for two years. He purchased a farm at the end of that time and engaged in agricultural pursuits, continuing to be identified with that avocation until about twenty-five years prior to his demise, which occurred on the 15th of April, 1896. Mr. Benson was a republican in politics and fraternally he affiliated with the Masonic order. Of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Benson there were born two children of whom the daughter, Sarah M., who is now deceased, was the younger.

As he was only a lad of four years when his father settled in Iowa, Willis Clinton Benson obtained his education in the common schools of Benton county. The experiences of his early years were very similar to those of the majority of boys who spend their lives in the rural districts. He early became familiar with the routine work of the homestead, his duties and responsibilities increasing with his age and development. After leaving school he gave his entire attention to the work of the farm until he was twenty-two years of age. He subsequently came to Poweshiek county, locating in Sugar Creek township, but later he removed to Clarke county, Iowa, and purchased a farm upon which he resided for four years. Disposing of his interest at the expiration of that time



he returned to Poweshiek county, settling in Sugar Creek township, where he rented a farm. He followed agricultural pursuits until 1893, when he removed to Searsboro and engaged in the produce business for four years. At the end of that period he withdrew from this occupation and returned to the country, where he engaged in general farming until 1906, when he again went into the produce business, this time being associated with Charles Evans. At the end of the first year he purchased his partner's interest, and has ever since conducted the business alone. He handled all kinds of produce, in addition to which he is also the agent for the DeLaval cream separator.

On the 7th of May, 1871, Mr. Benson was united in marriage to Miss Emma Tish, a daughter of Samuel R. and Catherine (Shafer) Tish. Her father was a native of Pennsylvania and the mother of Ohio, in which state they were also married. The father, who was a farmer and a cabinet-maker by trade, came to Iowa in the early days, acquiring a farm of two hundred and fifteen acres in Sugar Creek township. The mother passed away on the homestead in 1897, and the demise of the father occurred in the same place in April, 1904. He was a democrat, and Mrs. Tish was a member of the Christian church. Mrs. Benson is also a native of the Buckeye state, her birth having occurred there in 1853. To Mr. and Mrs. Benson were born the following children: Willis, who is a resident of Clemens Grove, Iowa; Elizabeth, the wife of Horace Ent, of Grinnell; Sarah Ann, who is deceased; Alta, the wife of Richard Myers, of Sugar Creek township; Ida, who married Herman Kluger, of Swea City, Iowa; Charles A., who is living in Grinnell; and Goldie, the wife of Roscoe Bartlett, of Brighton, Iowa.

His political support Mr. Benson gives to the democracy. He has served as city marshal, while for the past five or six terms he has acted as constable. In matters religious the views of both himself and wife coincide with the principles of the Friends church, in which they hold membership and in the faith of which they reared their family.

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### JOHN EIRP.

Starting as a boy on his own account John Eirp, who is now the owner of a valuable farm in Poweshiek county, worked his way through many obstacles and attained a position of comparative independence. The efforts which he was obliged to make strengthened the muscles and also developed his character, so that he is today highly respected, not alone on account of his success in business, but also because of his reputation for honest and straightforward dealing, which is an asset greatly to be valued.

He was born in Keokuk county, Iowa, in March, 1860, a son of Andrew and Sarah (Johnson) Eirp, the former of whom was born in Columbus, Ohio, and the latter in West Virginia. The father of our subject removed to Keokuk county, Iowa, in 1858, and there engaged in farming for eleven years. He then moved to Missouri, but after two years returned to this state and settled permanently in Poweshiek county, where he engaged in farming until his death,



which occurred in 1901. The mother is still living and makes her home in this county.

John Eirp received limited advantages of education in the district schools as he was obliged to begin working for wages at the age of twelve years. He continued to work by the month until he was twenty-eight years of age and in the course of this time became thoroughly acquainted with all the details of farming and stock-raising. About 1888 he rented land in Jefferson township, which he later purchased, and now owns a farm of two hundred acres. The farm is beautifully located and is provided with modern improvements, making it one of the desirable places of the township. He feeds cattle and raises Poland China hogs for the market. He also buys and sells horses and is regarded as an expert in the various lines to which he devotes his attention.

In April, 1888, Mr. Eirp was married to Miss Ella H. Meyer, a daughter of Henry and Veronica (Buhl) Meyer. The parents were both born in Germany and emigrated to this country. The father was a ship carpenter and became a successful farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Eirp have six children: Ethel, who married A. M. McCarty, a farmer of Jefferson township, and who is the mother of three children, Harry, Howard and Jessie; Maggie; Andrew; Orrin; Carrie; and James, all of whom are residing at home.

Politically Mr. Eirp casts his ballot in support of the democratic party, the principles of which he endorses as essential to the permanency and prosperity of the nation. He has through life been accustomed to work, having early learned its value, and he and his estimable wife have reared their children so that they may become useful and efficient members of society, willing to make sacrifices if necessary for the promotion of the comfort and happiness of others, and also desirous at all times of performing their part in whatsoever station they may be found. Mr. Eirp takes just pride in his family and in his farm, and as he is energetic and capable in whatever he undertakes he ranks as one of the successful men of the county.

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#### C. F. RANDALL.

A well tilled quarter section in Chester township has yielded most gratifying returns for the labor expended by the owner, C. F. Randall, who during the entire period of his active career has been engaged in agricultural pursuits. Mr. Randall was born on the 17th of January, 1860, in Jackson county, Iowa, and is a son of John and Mary (Words) Randall, natives of England. They were married on the 18th of November, 1857, the ceremony taking place in New York city. Immediately following this event they went to Jackson county, where Mr. Randall, who was a Methodist minister, had a charge to which he had been ministering for some time. They remained residents of Jackson county until 1877, at which time they removed to Poweshiek county, locating upon a farm in Sheridan township. Mr. Randall had left the ministry in 1859, just two years after his marriage, engaging from that time on in agricultural pursuits. In 1905 he removed to Everson, near Puget Sound, Washington,

where he is now living retired. Three children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Randall, the son, C. F., subject of this review, being the eldest.

Being reared upon a farm C. F. Randall acquired his education in the district schools of Jackson county, having resided there until he was seventeen years of age. In his boyhood and youth he always gave his father such assistance as he was able to perform in the cultivation of the homestead, and by the time he had reached manhood had quite a comprehensive knowledge of agricultural methods. The training of his early years has ever been put to the best use and he now owns one of the good farms of Chester township, in the cultivation of which he has been engaged since 1901. Subsequent to his marriage in 1887 Mr. Randall and his bride removed to Nebraska where they continued to live for nine years, then returned to Poweshiek county, where he engages in general farming.

Mrs. Randall, who prior to her marriage on the 5th of January, 1887, was Miss Nellie M. Wolcott, was a daughter of Edwin and Angeline A. (Barnum) Wolcott. The parents were natives of New York, but were living in Iowa at the time on their marriage. They removed to Poweshiek county in 1871. Three children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Randall: Charles C., who is a graduate of Grinnell Academy, at Grinnell; and Mary A. and Raymond G. Mrs. Randall, who was the second in order of birth of the nine children born unto her parents, passed away on the 24th of February, 1908, at the age of forty-two years, three months and eighteen days.

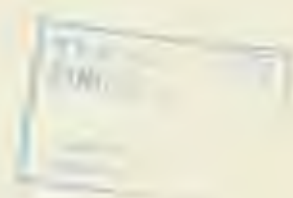
The family affiliate with the Methodist Episcopal denomination, their identification being with the church at Senora. An ardent republican Mr. Randall gives his political support to the candidates of that party, but as he is not an office seeker does not prominently participate in local activities of a governmental nature.

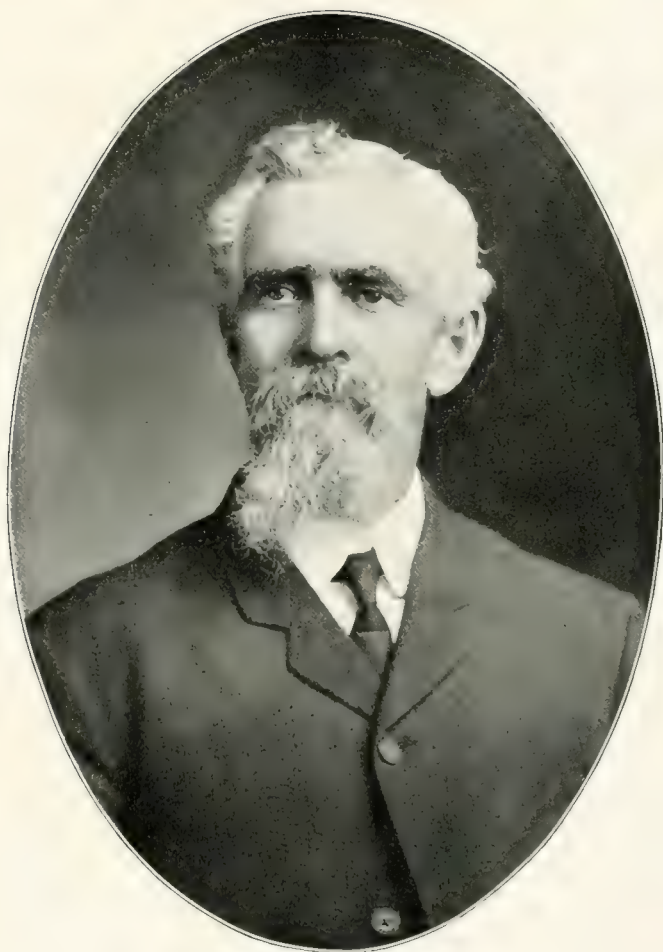
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### GEORGE COX.

Although George Cox is now practically living retired he is still financially interested in the mercantile enterprise conducted under the style of C. N. Cox & Company at Deep River, one of the largest concerns of its kind in this section of Poweshiek county.

He was born in Guernsey county, Ohio, March 9, 1839, a son of Ephraim and Margaret (Christy) Cox, the father born in Ohio, in 1801, and the mother in Pennsylvania in the same year. The paternal grandfather, Christopher Cox, was a trader with the Indians in Ohio. The maternal grandparents were natives of Scotland but emigrated to the new world in an early day, making a location in Pennsylvania. Ephraim Cox was reared in the Buckeye state and was there married to Miss Margaret Christy, making his home in that state until 1854, which year witnessed his arrival in Poweshiek county. He here entered four hundred acres of land in Deep River township and at once began to develop and improve his property, and it eventually became very valuable. In his home place he had one hundred and forty acres, and he also made many improvements on





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this land. He and his wife reared a family of eight children: Nancy, who became the wife of George Huffman, and who died in Indiana; Robert, who makes his home in Deep River; Mary Jane, the widow of William Cochran, a resident of Fort Collins, Colorado; Samuel, who lost his life by the explosion of a boiler in a sawmill in 1856; Christopher, a resident of Nebraska; Mrs. Sarah Ann Farmer, who departed this life in Kansas; Mrs. Margaret Wherry, a resident of Guernsey, Iowa; and George, whose name introduces this review. Both the parents have long since passed away, the father dying in 1862, and the mother in 1877. They were numbered among the worthy pioneers of this section of Poweshiek county. The old home in Deep River was situated on the old stage line between Iowa City and Grinnell and was the stopping place for travelers in 1857-61.

George Cox was reared in Ohio until he reached the age of fifteen years when, in 1854, he accompanied his parents on their removal to Poweshiek county. He here assisted his father in making a home on the frontier and in cultivating his land until the time of the latter's death, when he undertook the management of the farm for his mother, so continuing for four years. He then began farming on his own account, purchasing two hundred and forty acres of raw prairie, on a part of which the village of Deep River now stands. He added to his original holdings from time to time until he became the owner of four hundred and twenty acres, but he has sold off some of this and now has four hundred acres, on which he erected a fine modern home ~~three~~ <sup>two</sup> years ago. In 1870, in connection with his brother-in-law, E. M. Funk, he engaged in general merchandising at the old town of Dresden but, in 1884, when the railroad was built through the village of Deep River, he moved his stock of goods to this place and has been interested in the enterprise from that time to the present. He is, however, now living practically retired, the business being managed by his son, C. N., the firm being known under the style of C. N. Cox & Company. In the years that have passed they have built up a splendid trade and this is one of the large and important concerns of this part of the county. In addition to this Mr. Cox also had various other interests for, in 1884, he also purchased an elevator at Brooklyn, which he moved to this place, and until 1900 conducted a grain, coal and lumber business. He also had considerable stock in the bank at Deep River. Mr. Cox, during the years of his active connection with business affairs, amassed a considerable amount of money, which he has invested in Louisiana lands, owning today fifteen hundred acres which he rents for the cultivation of rice. From this investment he derives a substantial income that enables him to spend the evening of his days in practical retirement, and he now merely gives supervision to his financial interests.

Mr. Cox was married in 1866 to Miss Catharine Funk, who was born in Ogle county, Illinois, in 1848, her natal day being October 27. She came with her parents, Michael and Adaline (Newcomer) Funk, to Deep River in July, 1854, and has lived here from that time to the present. The parents were both natives of Washington county, Maryland, the father born March 16, 1823, and the mother, February 15, 1824. They were reared and married in that state and in 1847 came north, establishing their home in Ogle county, Illinois. In 1854, as above stated, they came to Poweshiek county, and for many years the father

worked in the store with his son-in-law, Mr. Cox. In 1888 he went to Louisiana, where he engaged in the mercantile business and was also appointed postmaster at Roanoke. He eventually returned to Poweshiek county, however, and passed away here November 20, 1899, when he was seventy-six years of age. The mother, surviving him for only a few months, departed this life June 2, 1900, at the same age. Their family numbered six children, namely: Catharine, now Mrs. Cox; Henry, a practicing attorney of Rogers, Arkansas; Emanuel, an attorney of Rogers, Arkansas; George, who is a Congregational minister of Fort Worth, Texas; Martin, who died at the age of eighteen months; and Lee, a merchant of Iowa, Louisiana.

The union of Mr. and Mrs. Cox has been blessed with four children: C. N., a merchant of Deep River; Erwin, who died at the age of two years; Alma, the wife of Hon. George E. Grier, of Deep River; and Hattie, the wife of Walter Light, a resident of West Liberty.

Mr. Cox cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1860 and has voted for every republican candidate for the presidency since that time. He has been called by his fellow townsmen to fill some township offices, but has never aspired to public position. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, in which he has served as a trustee for the past ten years. His fraternal relations are indicated by his membership in the Masonic order and in the Modern Woodmen of America. He has ever been alert—quick to note and improve opportunities for advancement—and coming to this section at an early day he exercised sound judgment in the investment of his capital, which has been thereby greatly increased and now leaves him in comfortable circumstances. He has not directed his attention to one line but has ventured into various fields, and in all these directions his efforts have been crowned with success—the success which may always with safety be predicted as the reward of steady, strong and well directed energy, and the results of his life work are being left as monuments to his activity.

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#### N. W. CESSNA.

Possessing natural talent for mercantile life, N. W. Cessna gave up farming fifteen years ago and settled in Grinnell, where he has ever since been identified with the meat business. He is one of the valued men in the community and by close application and the exercise of sound judgment he has attained a goodly measure of financial success. He was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, August 13, 1857, a son of Thomas R. and Sarah A. (Koerner) Cessna, also natives of Bedford county.

The Cessnas are of Huguenot ancestry and are direct descendants of Count John De Cessna. In 1690, owing to persecution of the Huguenots, about twelve hundred of the nobility of France, together with about half a million of the Protestant faith fled to England, Holland, Switzerland and Denmark, an official proclamation having been made by those countries proffering refuge to the oppressed. Many of the refugees entered military service and among these



was Count John De Cessna, who in 1690 distinguished himself as an officer under Duke De Schomberg at the battle of the Boyne in Ireland. He remained in Ireland until 1718 and then crossed the ocean to America, settling in Pennsylvania, where he died in 1751. One of his sons, John De Cessna, located in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, and the family became very prominent. He was a member of the provincial assembly and also of the constitutional convention of 1775. He joined with all his heart in the patriotic cause and served as colonel in the Revolutionary war. The Hon. John Cessna, member of the forty-first and forty-third congresses of the United States, belonged to this family and was a brother of Thomas R. Cessna, both of them being great-grandsons of Colonel John De Cessna.

Thomas R. Cessna was a son of William and Rachel (Morgaret) Cessna. He was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, October 27, 1827, and possessed limited opportunities of education in the schools but became a man of strong character and great integrity, gaining the confidence and respect of all with whom he associated. He was married, in 1848, to Sarah A. Koerner, who was also a native of Bedford county, and in 1858 with his wife and three children came to Scott county, Iowa, and located upon a farm which he purchased near Davenport. He and his wife reared a family of seven children, all of whom are now living. He was very successful in business and took an active part in public affairs, discharging his duties as a public officer with the same interest that he evinced in his private business. In 1885, desiring to be near his children who had settled at Grinnell, he disposed of his farm in Scott county and came to this city. However, he was not yet prepared for a life of inactivity, and he engaged for ten years in a profitable real-estate business. He was a stanch believer in the authority and inspiration of the Bible and served for many years as an officer of the Methodist Episcopal church. He died on March 26, 1911, having arrived at the venerable age of eighty-four years.

N. W. Cessna was brought to Scott county, Iowa, by his parents in 1858 and was reared to manhood on his father's farm. He possessed limited opportunities of education in the district schools but has since made up for this deficiency, being a man of close observation and good general reading. He engaged in farming until 1896 and then came to Grinnell and engaged in the meat business, being now identified with the Grinnell Provision Company. He is recognized as a prominent factor in the business circles of the city, being energetic and progressive in his methods. The company with which he is connected has attained a high standard of efficiency and theirs is known as one of the important and paying establishments of Grinnell. Mr. Cessna is also a director of the Merchants National Bank and has served for the past twelve years as treasurer of the Poweshiek Mutual Insurance Company. He is an active working member of the Merchants and Manufacturers Association of the city and may always be counted upon to assist in forwarding every cause that seeks to promote the permanent interests of the community.

In December, 1882, Mr. Cessna was united in marriage to Miss Nannie S. Skiles, of Muscatine county, Iowa, and three children came to bless this union. M. Pearl, Ruby and Maud O. M. Pearl was graduated from Iowa College at Grinnell, in 1906, and then took a post-graduate course of one year at the

University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. She is now a successful teacher of the Grinnell high school. Ruby is deceased. Maud O. received her education at Iowa College and the University of Illinois, graduating from the latter institution in 1910. She is now a teacher in the high school of Rockwell City.

Mr. Cessna was reared a democrat but in 1896 he espoused the gold standard platform and has since given his adherence to the republican party. Fraternally he is identified with Grinnell Lodge, No. 175, K. P. He and his family are sincere members of the Methodist church and for many years he has served as trustee of the local organization. Both he and his wife are well known and are held in high regard by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

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### MERRICK H. GRAHAM.

Few residents of Madison township, Poweshiek county, are held in higher respect than he whose name introduces this review. A native of Pennsylvania, Merrick H. Graham was born in Bradford township, Clearfield county, on the 5th of July, 1846, a son of John and Amelia (Neff) Graham, of Irish and German descent respectively. The father, a farmer by occupation, came to Iowa when fifty years of age, locating on a farm in Madison township, Poweshiek county. This remained his home until the time of his death, which occurred in 1884. His wife survived him for five years, passing away on the old homestead.

Reared amid the busy activities of farm life Merrick H. Graham early learned the value of industry, energy and thrift, and under the direction of his father acquired a thorough practical knowledge of the best methods of carrying on agricultural pursuits. He came west with his parents on their removal to Iowa from the Keystone state, spending two years in Scott county, and thence came to Poweshiek county, where for forty-seven years he has made his home upon the farm upon which he now resides.

He remained under the parental roof until he was twenty-eight years of age, and at that time was married, thus laying the foundation for a happy home life of his own. After the death of his father he took possession of the old home place and has since continued its operation, in which connection he has been most successful. It is a well improved farm of two hundred acres, located on section 3, Madison township, contains no waste land whatever, is well tiled, and contains a fine dwelling and substantial barns and outbuildings.

Mr. Graham has a fine orchard of two and a half acres and is an extensive raiser of grain. He also devotes considerable time to his stock interests, making a specialty of shorthorn cattle, being the owner of a good herd, all of which is nearly full-blooded stock. The excellent condition of his home place denotes the spirit of progress, enterprise and thrift on the part of its owner, and the gratifying results which have attended his efforts are well merited, for at all times his methods have been practical and his dealings of the most honorable character.

On the 28th of October, 1873, in Brooklyn, Mr. Graham was united in marriage to Miss Sybil Adan, a daughter of George and Anna (Jansen) Adan, both of whom were born in the central part of Germany, and in the same village. Mr. Adam, who was a farmer, brought his family to America when Mrs. Graham was a maiden of fifteen years of age, the family home being established in Freeport, Illinois. After a residence in that city of ten years they took up their abode upon a farm in Carroll county, Iowa, where the parents passed their remaining days, the father passing away in 1894 and the mother in the year following. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Graham have been born seven children, five of whom are still living, namely: Dena, who married Port Walker, engaged in railroading in Eagle Grove, Iowa; Frank, who married Miss Lucy Beattle, of Haven, Iowa, and now makes his home at Tama, Tama county, Iowa; Maude, the wife of Rowland O. Harman, a well known young farmer of Madison township; Grace and Allen, both of whom are still at home. The other two children passed away in infancy—George, at the age of three weeks and Mamie when nine months old.

Mr. and Mrs. Graham are members of the Christian church of Madison township, and are people of the highest traits of character. In politics Mr. Graham is a stanch republican, but is not an office seeker, and although he served one term as road supervisor he has refused repeatedly, when he would have been elected by his fellow citizens, to serve as a member of the district school board. He is not lacking, however, in interest in public affairs, but is public-spirited in his citizenship, giving his cooperation to all measures which he deems for the best interests of the community. A man of good business ability, which has won for him substantial success, and actuated in all of his dealings by the most honorable and upright principles, he also possesses those personal characteristics which command the confidence and good will of his fellowmen and place him among the highly respected and valued residents of Madison township.

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### JOHN HENRY BLATHERWICK.

One of the well known citizens of Grinnell, a veteran of the Civil war, a successful man of business and the head of a remarkable family of scholars is John Henry Blatherwick whose name introduces this review. He is a native of Portage county, Ohio, born April 16, 1840, and is a son of James and Matilda (Caswell) Blatherwick. The father was born at Nottingham, England, and the mother in New York state. In 1845 the family removed to Waukegan, Illinois, where the father followed farming, but was subsequently engaged in the insurance business in Chicago, where both he and his wife made their home throughout the remainder of their lives. In their family were eleven children and of this number three of the sons were soldiers of the Civil war. Our subject's paternal grandfather was one of the first lace-makers in Nottingham, England, came to the United States with his seven sons, and James, being



the eldest carried seven thousand dollars in gold in a belt strapped around his waist.

John H. Blatherwick received his early education in the common schools and after laying his books aside became connected with agricultural interests in Illinois. At the time of the Civil war he enlisted in the Fifty-first Illinois Infantry and served as a member of the band until honorably discharged and mustered out at Corinth, Mississippi. Returning from the war, he rented a farm in Illinois for two years and then came to Iowa and engaged in farming for twelve years in Blackhawk county. Subsequently he lived in Carroll county, Iowa; Antelope county, Nebraska, and Sioux county, Iowa, finally taking up his residence at Grinnell in 1903, where he has since continued.

In December, 1869, Mr. Blatherwick was united in marriage to Miss Nettie McArthur, of Blackhawk county, a daughter of John McArthur, who was born in Scotland. The following children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Blatherwick, namely: Wilfred E., who is now a practicing physician of Drake, North Dakota; John Clarence, engaged in farming at Breckenridge, Minnesota; Charles, deceased; Ada, who is the wife of Professor Wiley, of the Iowa State University; George, who graduated from Rush Medical College of Chicago, and is now engaged in practice at Denver, Colorado; Alexander, also a graduate of Rush Medical College of Chicago and now practicing at Los Angeles, California; Belle, a teacher at Iowa City; and Norman, who is now taking a post-graduate course at the University of Illinois. The children have attained a remarkable record in educational lines, all of them except Ada, who was graduated in Music at Epworth Conservatory and finished study in Chicago, being graduates of Grinnell College, and three of the sons are successfully engaged in the practice of medicine. During a period extending over eighteen years one or more of the children were in attendance at Grinnell College.

Politically Mr. Blatherwick supports the men and measures of the republican party—an organization with which he has been in hearty sympathy ever since he cast his first ballot fifty years ago, in 1861. In religious belief he is a Congregationalist and fraternally he holds membership in Gordon Granger Post, No. 64, G. A. R. Mr. Blatherwick has passed the seventy-first milestone on life's journey and looks back on many years of pleasing and useful labor. His efforts have not been expended entirely in pursuit of selfish aims as he has many times extended a helping hand to a weary or disheartened fellowman and today he enjoys in an unusual degree the confidence and respect of a large circle of the best citizens of Grinnell.

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#### DANIEL L. GORSUCH.

Nature seems to have intended that man, in the evening of life, should rest from further labor after an active career which has had its dawn of hope and promise and its noontide of activity and achievement. Such has been the record of Daniel L. Gorsuch, who is now living retired in Montezuma, after many years of earnest toil and well directed effort. Born in Delaware county, Ohio,



on the 22d of March, 1837, he is a son of Joshua and Mary (Bosley) Gorsuch, both natives of Maryland. The parents continued to reside in that state until the late '30s, after which they emigrated to Ohio and thence, in 1844, to Iowa, where the father, a farmer by occupation, located a claim in Mahaska county. There the mother passed away on the 22d of March, 1848, and in the spring of 1856 the father sold his farm and removed to Jackson county, Kansas, where he spent his remaining days. In his family were eight children, as follows: Sarah, the deceased wife of John Morrison; Thomas, also deceased; Mary Ann, who married John Deardorff, and has also passed away; Rebecca, the deceased wife of Pleasant Deardorff; Daniel L., of this review; Dorcus, who married Isaac Nelson, of Kansas; Matilda, the wife of a Mr. Purdy, residing in California; and Charles, who passed away in infancy.

Daniel L. Gorsuch was a little lad of seven years when he came to Iowa with his parents in 1844, at which time Poweshiek county was still a frontier district, where but three or four families had located. He remained on a farm in Mahaska county until the spring of 1856, when he accompanied his father on his removal to Kansas and there made his home for about four years. In the fall of 1860 he arrived in Poweshiek county, locating on a farm in Jackson township, which remained the scene of his activities throughout his connection with agricultural pursuits. This tract, consisting of two hundred acres, is located about a mile from the Mahaska county line and is a well improved property, its neat appearance and high state of development being due in large measure to the efforts of Mr. Gorsuch. He was practical and systematic in the conduct of his affairs, ever adhered to progressive methods and as the years passed by his industry, perseverance and thrift made it possible for him to accumulate a competency which was substantial and creditable. Indeed, he was able to withdraw from active labor in 1908 and on the 25th of December of that year he took up his abode in Montezuma, where he now lives retired. He yet retains possession of his farm, however, the rental from which proves a most gratifying source of revenue.

Mr. Gorsuch was married, on the 30th of May, 1860, in Mahaska county, Iowa, to Miss Mary Jane Murrow, who was born in Parke county, Indiana, on the 8th of August, 1842. She removed to Mahaska county, Iowa, in the fall of 1850 in company with her parents, Benjamin and Sarah (Blue) Murrow, both natives of Kentucky. They were married in the Blue Grass state but removed to Indiana in early pioneer days. Both passed away in Mahaska county, Iowa. In their family were six children, of whom Mrs. Gorsuch was the youngest. The others were as follows: James R., now deceased; David, who enlisted from Montezuma for service in the Civil war, became a soldier of the Twenty-eighth Iowa Infantry and died during his term of service; Margaret A., the deceased wife of Thomas B. Gorsuch, a brother of our subject; Martha, who passed away at the age of twelve years, her death occurring three days after the family home was established in Iowa; and Thomas A., a resident of Wayne county.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Gorsuch were born twelve children, namely: Sarah Elizabeth, the wife of James Bangham, of Grinnell; Dwight, who passed away at the age of nine months; Angeline, who married John Tilford, of New Sharon, Iowa; Fred, a resident of Kansas; Edward, who passed away in Feb-

ruary, 1908, leaving a widow and five children; George, of Boone county; John B., who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume; Lily May, the deceased wife of Oliver Kirby, who is survived by two sons; Rose, who passed away at the age of twelve years; Laura, the wife of Frank Butler, residing on Mr. Gorsuch's farm in Jackson township; Clay, yet at home; and one who died in infancy.

Fraternally Mr. Gorsuch is connected with the Knights of Pythias, being a prominent and well known member of that lodge, and in politics he is a republican, upholding the principles of that party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He cast his first vote in 1858, while a resident of Jackson county, Kansas, and following his arrival there in 1856 was a witness of much political excitement in that state just prior to the Civil war. Since becoming a citizen of Poweshiek county he has held several township offices but has never been a politician in the usually accepted sense of the term. Starting out in life with no especially favorable advantages, his educational opportunities being limited to those afforded in the little log schoolhouses of that day, Mr. Gorsuch has, nevertheless, worked his way steadily upward in the business world until he is now able to live in honorable retirement as a result of a life of continuous activity, in which the salient elements have been enterprise, perseverance and integrity. He has already passed the Psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten and can look back upon a past which has ever been characterized by honest endeavor and high principles.

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#### MILES CHAFEE.

Although now in his ninetieth year Miles Chafee is acceptably filling the office of notary public and still retains his interest in public affairs and the progress of the world. He has been a resident of Grinnell for more than forty years and is one of its valued citizens. Born in Erie county, New York, October 20, 1821, he is a son of Charles and Polly (Miles) Chafee, both of whom were natives of Vermont. They settled at Springville, New York, in 1817, being among the pioneers of that section. Our subject's paternal grandfather, Stephen Chafee, served in the Revolutionary war under General Washington, who signed the papers bearing record of his honorable discharge from the army.

Miles Chafee received his early education in the common schools and later attended Springville Academy near Buffalo, New York. After completing his educational training he taught school for ten years, but he was not entirely satisfied with that vocation and accordingly he became a carpenter and builder and continued in that business for many years. In 1855 he removed to Allen Grove, Walworth county, Wisconsin, and thirteen years later, in 1868, arrived in Grinnell. Here he engaged in the manufacture of fanning mills until 1880, when he retired from the manufacturing business and has since devoted his attention largely to official duties.

In 1847 Mr. Chafee was married at Springville, New York, to Miss Caroline E. Miner, a daughter of Marvin M. and Betty (Gross) Miner. Both of



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the parents were natives of New York state. The father was an elder in the Presbyterian church. Three children came to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Chafee, namely: Addie G., now the widow of John Walker; Charles M., who engages in farming at Billings, Montana; and Susan M., the wife of Charles Taylor, who engages in the advertising business in Chicago.

Politically Mr. Chafee was originally a supporter of the whig party but he has voted with the republican party ever since its organization in 1856. He has held a number of important local offices, being elected township trustee one year after his arrival at Grinnell. He served as county coroner for five years, as town treasurer for many years, as justice of the peace for more than twenty-eight years, and for thirty-two years filled the office of township clerk. At the present time he is serving as notary public. In 1843 he joined the Presbyterian church but in later years has been affiliated with the Congregational church. Successful in his business affairs and surrounded by scores of friends, this venerable and respected man in the evening of a useful life passes his days in peace and comfort. The esteem in which he is universally held in the city of his adoption is evidence of his personal worth.

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#### DR. JAMES H. FRIEND.

The osteopathic school for treatment of physical ills of humanity has a worthy representative in Dr. James H. Friend, of Grinnell, whose increasing clientage is evidence of the esteem in which he is held in this city. He was born in Poweshiek county on a farm about twelve miles south of Grinnell, June 20, 1859, a son of Franklin and Martha J. (Stanley) Friend. The father was a native of Illinois and the mother of Virginia. The grandparents on both sides of the family came to Poweshiek county. The paternal grandfather, Elijah Friend, arrived here in 1849 and located three miles northeast of Lynnville, adjoining the Jasper county line, while the maternal grandfather, John T. Stanley, reached here in 1851 and located in Sugar Creek township, five miles east of Lynnville. Franklin Friend was married to Martha J. Stanley at Montezuma in 1853, the ceremony being performed by Rev. James Johnson. He located on land in Washington township, which he cultivated to good advantage until 1864, when he yielded to the gold excitement and started for the Montana gold fields. After arriving at the miles he selected a location in Jefferson valley and staked out a mining claim, which he proposed to work later. In 1865 he started homeward but on reaching Fort Benton found that the boat in which he expected to take passage down the river was delayed. A large amount of government supplies was received at the fort about this time and there being no warehouse in which to store them volunteers were called for to go into the forest and cut logs for a house. This was dangerous service as the Indians were lurking in the vicinity and were highly incensed at the encroachments of the white men upon their hunting grounds. Mr. Friend and about a dozen companions volunteered to perform the work and while engaged in this undertaking the party was ambushed and every man was killed. Mrs. Friend was later married to Levi H. McDowell,

who came to Poweshiek county with his parents in 1848. She died January 31, 1896.

James H. Friend was reared upon the home farm and notwithstanding the death of his father he secured good advantages of education. After attending the district schools he became a student at Grinnell Academy and later at Callanan College, which was under general supervision of Drake University. In 1887, having thoroughly prepared himself, he took up teaching as a profession and for seventeen years taught in various schools of the county, becoming recognized as one of the most capable educators in this section of the state. In 1904, however, he became interested in osteopathy and entered the American School of Osteopathy at Kirksville, Missouri, from which he was graduated in 1906. He immediately opened offices at Grinnell but shortly afterward was invited to Story City to take charge of the practice of Dr. O. F. Beckett, who was temporarily called away. The absence of Dr. Beckett was prolonged and Dr. Friend remained three years in Story City. In 1909 he returned to Grinnell, where he maintains well appointed offices and has built up an extensive practice.

On the 24th of December, 1888, he was united in marriage to Miss Myra McDonald, a native of Poweshiek county, and by this union six children have been born, namely: Gladys, who was educated at Grinnell high school and Iowa College and is now successfully teaching in the district schools; Arthur McDonald, a student in the high school; Leona and James, who are attending the graded school; Myra A.; and Homer C.

Dr. Friend has seen no reason to regret giving up his profession as a teacher to engage in the healing art. From the beginning of his practice he has evinced a natural adaptability to the vocation and his services are steadily growing in demand, his patients being numbered among his best friends and most enthusiastic advocates. He is an intelligent gentleman and as he has been a lifelong student and investigator he has a highly cultivated mind which has been brightened by contact with the world and also by systematic study and reflection. His skill in the treatment either of acute or chronic diseases is widely acknowledged throughout this part of the state. Politically he is independent, preferring to vote for the man rather than for the party, and fraternally he is identified with Herman Lodge, No. 273, A. F. & A. M., of Grinnell, and Baldur Lodge, No. 279, Knights of Pythias, of Story City.

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### J. HENRY HINK, SR.

In this work are to be found some remarkable instances of success financially, showing the difficulties that may be overcome by one who is determined to accomplish a worthy object in life. The record of J. Henry Hink, Sr., is one that should encourage every aspiring young man. He arrived in America from a foreign land almost without a dollar in his pockets, and today he is the owner of five hundred and sixty acres of good land in Poweshiek county and one of the highly respected members of the community. He was born in Hanover,

Germany, August 23, 1851, and is a son of Henry and Anna (Moritz) Hink, both of whom spent their entire lives in the old country.

J. Henry Hink, Sr., was the youngest member of a family of six children and grew to fifteen years of age on his father's farm, receiving his education in the common schools. As a boy of fifteen he crossed the ocean to America and spent five years in Henry county, Illinois, where he prosecuted his studies in the common schools and worked upon the farm. In 1873 he came to Chester township, Poweshiek county, Iowa, three of his brothers having preceded him to this county. Two years after his arrival he purchased eighty acres of land which he improved, adding good equipment and accessories. He fenced and tilled the fields and carried on his work along progressive lines, purchasing more land as opportunity offered. He is today one of the most prosperous farmers of the township and one of the most substantial citizens in this section.

On the 28th of October, 1879, Mr. Hink was married in the German Lutheran church in Malcom township to Miss Mary L. Wanner, a daughter of August and Frances (Stecker) Wanner, both of whom were natives of Germany, the father being a cabinet-maker by trade. He came to America and at the outbreak of the Civil war offered his services to the Union, enrolling as a member of Company K, Ninety-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He was killed while bravely fighting for the stars and stripes, his family later settling in Poweshiek county. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hink: Clara, who married Henry Luttmann, a farmer of Chester township; Emma, the wife of Fred Puls, also of Chester township; Charles, who is a graduate of the Grinnell high school and is now manager of the Central Garage at Grinnell; and Walter, who is living at home.

Politically Mr. Hink affiliates with the republican party and has served with general approval as township trustee and member of the school board. He is identified with the German Lutheran church of Malcom. His success may be ascribed to hard work and good judgment and he has now arrived at a stage where he can enjoy himself at leisure, his farm yielding a handsome income. His methods have always been straightforward, based on fairness and honesty, and he possesses the confidence and respect of all who know him.

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#### WALTER FORD HAMMOND.

The late Walter Ford Hammond, who for many years was identified with various activities in Grinnell, was born in Plattsville, Wisconsin, on the 2d of December, 1857. He was a son of George S. and Jane (Pemberthy) Hammond, the father a native of New Bedford, Massachusetts, and the mother of England, having emigrated from there to the United States with her parents when a child of twelve years. The father passed away in Illinois and the widow, who remarried, is now living with a daughter in Rhode Island.

Reared in the parental home Walter Ford Hammond acquired his preliminary education in the common schools of Wisconsin and Illinois. When a youth of fifteen years he migrated to Iowa, locating in Poweshiek county. Feeling



the need of a better education during the first year of his residence he attended Grinnell College and taught school. Subsequently he accepted a clerkship with McIntosh & Proctor, who were engaged in the clothing business. Later he purchased the interest of Mr. Proctor, the business being continued under the firm name of McIntosh & Hammond, which was subsequently changed to Hammond Brothers & James. In 1883 he removed to Des Moines, where he conducted a jobbing and brokerage business for seven years. At the expiration of that period he returned to Grinnell and purchased the clothing business of N. D. Soper, with which he continued to be identified until 1893, when he sold out to G. H. McMurray, subsequently buying from Michael Snyder his interest in the Grinnell Electric Light Company. Mr. Hammond retained the management of this concern until 1902, at which time he disposed of his interest to become one of the organizers of the Elliott Hotel Company of Des Moines, of which he was vice president at the time of his death, the 7th of July, 1905.

In 1878 Mr. Hammond was united in marriage to Miss Hattie M. Child, a daughter of Jonathan and Martha (Walker) Child, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. The following children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Hammond: Martha, who died at the age of five months; Russell, who is twenty-nine years of age, and lives in the west; Walter, aged twenty-three, who graduated from Iowa College in June, 1911; Arthur, twenty years of age, who also graduated in June, 1911; Aldace W., aged eighteen, who graduated from the Grinnell high school in June, 1911; Mae, fifteen years of age, who is attending the high school; Harold, aged thirteen; and Bruce, now seven years of age.

Mr. Hammond, who was a republican in politics, was a prominent member of the Franklin Club of Grinnell and he and his wife and daughter affiliated with the Congregational church. Mr. Hammond was well known in Grinnell and Poweshiek by reason of his long residence there, and was highly esteemed and regarded.

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### JOHN WILKINSON COGSWELL, M. D.

From no professional man do we expect or exact so many of the cardinal virtues as from the physician. If a clergyman is austere, we imagine that his mind is absorbed with the contemplation of things beyond our ken. If our lawyer is brusque and crabbed, it is the mark of genius; but in the physician we expect not only a superior mentality and comprehensive knowledge but sympathy as wide as the universe. Dr. Cogswell in large measure meets all of these requirements and is regarded by many as an ideal physician. Certainly if patronage is any criterion of ability he ranks high among the leading medical practitioners of Grinnell, where he is now enjoying a large practice.

Dr. Cogswell was born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on the 29th of October, 1883, his parents being Charles Herbert and Mary (Wilkinson) Cogswell, who are natives of Pennsylvania and Illinois respectively. Their marriage was celebrated in the year 1869. Charles H. Cogswell, who was graduated from the Hahnemann Medical College of Chicago with the class of 1866, located for prac-



tice in Clinton, Iowa, and has since been numbered among the successful physicians of this state. From 1884 until 1902 he presided as professor of obstetrics in the College of Homeopathic Medicine at the State University of Iowa.

John W. Cogswell obtained his early education in the public schools of his native city and subsequently entered the State University of Iowa, being graduated from the College of Liberal Arts with the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1904. In 1906 he completed the medical course in the College of Homeopathic Medicine of the State University of Iowa and received the degree of M. D. His professional knowledge was augmented by post-graduate work in the University of Vienna during the years 1907 and 1908. Locating for practice in Toledo, Iowa, he there remained during the years 1906 and 1907 and on the 1st of May, 1908, opened an office at Grinnell, which town has since remained the scene of his professional labors. In 1908-09 he acted as an instructor in the department of obstetrics and gynecology in the College of Homeopathic Medicine at the State University of Iowa, while in 1909-10 he had charge of the same department as assistant professor. In professional lines he is connected with the Central Iowa Homeopathic Medical Society, the Hahne-mann Medical Association of Iowa, the American Institute of Homeopathy and the Obstetrical Society of the American Institute of Homeopathy. He is interested in all that promotes a knowledge of the human body—the onslaughts made upon it by disease and the possibilities for recovery through the use of remedial agencies. Dr. Cogswell also has a military record, having served as cadet at the University of Iowa for four years. He is now serving as captain of Company K, Fifty-fourth Infantry, Iowa National Guard, located at Grinnell.

Dr. Cogswell is a member of Herman Lodge, No. 273, A. F. & A. M., and has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, belonging to Iowa Consistory, No. 2. In religious faith he is an Episcopalian. Though still a young man, he has already attained a creditable position in professional circles, while the salient characteristics of his manhood are such as have brought him the warm regard of those with whom he has been otherwise associated.

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#### H. T. SMITH.

H. T. Smith, a retired farmer and stockman and a veteran of the Civil war, was born in Tunbridge, Vermont, on the 2d of May, 1845. He was a son of Sam and Hulda (Peabody) Smith, lifelong residents of the Green mountain state, and there the father passed away when H. T. Smith, the youngest of three sons and four daughters, was but a year old. Reared amid the scenes and environments of rural life, he spent the early years of his life upon the home farm, giving his widowed mother the benefit of his assistance, until eighteen years of age, when he offered his services to the Union, enlisting from Brookfield, Vermont, in December, 1863, as a recruit in Company G, Tenth Vermont Volunteer Infantry. He served with that command until the close of the war, taking part in many important engagements, including that at Cold Harbor,

Winchester, Cedar Creek, Fisher's Hill, and many others. For seven days he participated in the campaign of the wilderness under General Grant, during which time he suffered many hardships. During his term of service he was twice wounded, first at the battle of Cedar Creek, when the end of his nose was shot off, and again in front of Petersburg, when a ball struck his left leg below the knee, which he carried for seventeen days before it was extracted. This last wound caused his removal from the field to the hospital, where he remained until mustered out at the close of hostilities, June 29, 1865.

Mr. Smith then returned to his Vermont home, where he remained until 1866, when he decided to seek the opportunities of the middle west, which district was entering upon an era of most substantial yet rapid growth. In the spring of that year he came to Iowa, locating first in Winneshiek county, where he engaged in general farming for eight years. He then sold his farm there and returned to Vermont on a visit to his old home, remaining in his native state from December until the following July. On again coming to Iowa, in 1874, he took up his abode in Poweshiek county, purchasing a quarter of a section of land in Pleasant township. During the eighteen years in which that farm remained his home he carried on general agricultural pursuits and stock raising with gratifying results. He made a specialty of breeding horses and became well known through the locality for the high grade of stock to be found upon his place. He continued in this enterprise with increasing success until, in 1893, he left the farm and took up his residence in Malcom, where he is now living retired, being ranked among the substantial and well-to-do citizens of this community.

Mr. Smith was married, on the 18th of February, 1868, to Miss Cynthia M. Gifford, who was born in Randolph, Vermont, on the 28th of May, 1846, and there resided until her marriage. Her parents were Friend and Armida (Smith) Gifford, lifelong residents of that state. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Smith have been born two sons: Walter D., of Saskatchewan, Canada; and Amos B., at home.

Mr. Smith is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is highly esteemed in a large circle of friends in this locality. He early learned the lesson that success must be purchased at the price of earnest, well defined labor, and as the years went by his record was one of indefatigable effort, close application and intelligent direction that found their just reward in the life of ease and comfort which today is his.

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#### WILLIAM CLELAND.

It is astonishing to witness the success of men who have emigrated to America without capital and from a position of comparative obscurity have worked their way upward to a place of influence and prominence. The readiness with which they adapt themselves to circumstances and take advantage of opportunities offered brings to them success and wins them a place among the leading men of the community in which they reside. To this class belongs

William Cleland, who is today perhaps the largest landowner in Poweshiek county, owning altogether one thousand three hundred and eighty acres.

He is a native of County Down, Ireland, born January 8, 1840, a son of James and Margaret (Adams) Cleland, who spent their entire lives on the Emerald isle. The father was a stone-mason. His family numbered four children: John, who at one time came to the United States but returned to his native country, where he departed this life; William, of this review; James, who died in Cook county, Illinois; and Jane, who is also deceased.

William Cleland was a young man of twenty years, when, in 1860, he emigrated to the new world. He first located in Rock Island county, Illinois, and there worked on a farm for eight years. In the meantime, however, he carefully saved his earnings and from time to time invested his capital in land in Iowa, having in 1864 purchased the farm on which he now makes his home. He continued to work for others until he had accumulated a sum sufficient to begin operations on his own account, and eventually, feeling justified in establishing a home of his own, he was married in Rock Island county, December 28, 1867, the lady of his choice being Miss Sarah McKeag, who was likewise born in County Down, Ireland, in 1842, and in 1866 came to the United States, also settling in Rock Island county, Illinois. The parents, James and Jane McKeag, emigrated to the new world in 1868 and settled in Rock Island county, but both are now deceased.

Following their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Cleland came to Poweshiek county and since 1868 have resided on their present farm on section 19, Pleasant township. He began work in earnest and through his economy and frugality gradually added to his land holdings until he is now the owner of thirteen hundred acres, situated in Pleasant and Washington townships. He is engaged in farming on quite an extensive scale and also gives much of his time and attention to stock-raising. He is a man of good business judgment and in this lies the secret of his success.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Cleland has been blessed with three daughters and two sons. Elizabeth, the eldest, is the wife of William Molison, a resident of Pleasant township, and has four children. Margaret is the wife of Geo. W. Hays, of Malcom. James passed away in November, 1908, at the age of thirty-four years, leaving a widow and one child. Rose is the wife of E. O. Porter, of Grinnell, and her one child, William, the youngest, who manages the home farm, wedded Miss Emma Agnew, and they have two children.

In his political views Mr. Cleland is a staunch republican and for the past twenty years has filled the office of justice of the peace and for six years was trustee of the township. In 1890 he took the census of Pleasant township and in the various public positions he has filled has ever fully merited the confidence of those whose interests he has served. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Presbyterian church at Ewart.

When Mr. Cleland first located in Poweshiek county the district in which he settled was all wild and unbroken prairie. He has lived to see the conditions changed, for today the land is divided into beautiful and highly cultivated farms, inhabited by a prosperous and contented people, and while Mr. Cleland has witnessed this change he has also been an active participant in bringing about this



condition, for he has ever been a hard working man as may be known by the broad acreage of which he is now the possessor. The accumulation of wealth, however, has not been his sole aim and ambition in life, for he is a public-spirited citizen who is ever ready to lend his aid and influence to any worthy movement for the betterment of his home locality. Perhaps the highest tribute that can be paid Mr. Cleland is that he has been successful in all of his undertakings and that he has so discharged his duties as a citizen and as a business man as to merit the confidence of those who know him best.

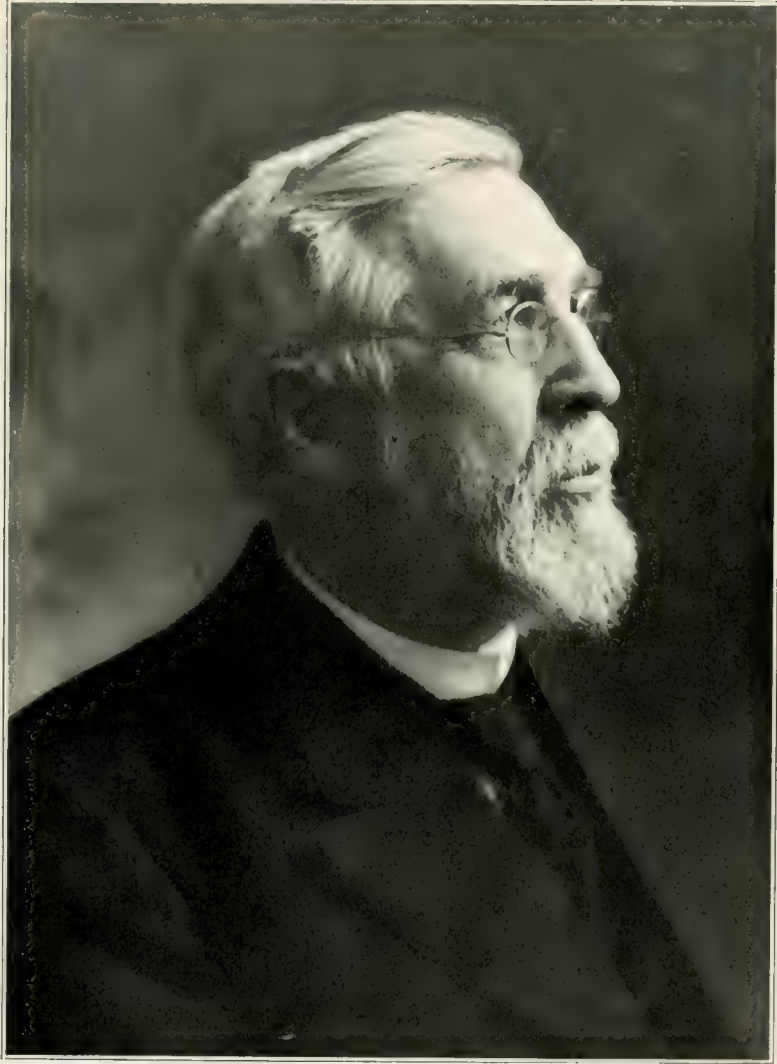
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### SAMUEL JAY BUCK, D. D.

Samuel Jay Buck, who has been termed "the grand old man of Iowa College," was for forty-two and one-third years connected with the institution as instructor and acting president, and the school in its present prosperous condition stands largely as a monument to his ability in and devotion to the profession which he chose as a life work. He came to Grinnell in early manhood and for forty-two years labored for the upbuilding of the school. Ex-President Eliot of Harvard said: "What is needed is continuous education which lasts all through life." It was this which Professor Buck strove to give to his pupils, believing with Kant that "The object of education is to train each individual to reach the highest perfection possible for him." He had acquired some previous experience as a teacher in Ohio and Illinois before coming to Iowa. He had gone to the former state in his early boyhood with his parents, who removed westward from Russia, Herkimer county, New York, where Professor Buck was born on the 4th of July, 1835. Upon a farm near the town of Mecca in Trumbull county, Ohio, his youthful days were passed and his experiences were those which usually fall to the lot of the farm lad. It is undoubtedly true that environment has not a little to do with the forming of character and Professor Buck spent his youth in Ohio where the forces of New England were arrayed against the incoming forces from the south over the questions of gambling, intemperance and the slave trade. The discussion of such themes could not have failed to leave an impress upon the mind and character of the boy who, moreover, spent five years as a student in Oberlin College, Ohio, the very center from which permeated a strong influence of personal liberty and public morality. He entered the preparatory department of the school in 1853 and on the completion of the college course was graduated in 1858 and at once turned his attention to the profession of teaching. At one time he was an instructor in an academy at Bazetta, Ohio, and at another time principal of the Union high school at West Liberty, Ohio.

Soon after his marriage in 1859 to Miss Jane Cory, a college classmate, Dr. Buck entered the theological school of Oberlin, from which he graduated in 1862 with the degree of Master of Arts. He then accepted the position of principal of Orwell Academy in Orwell, Ohio, and in 1863 was ordained to the ministry of the Congregational church. His time was afterward given to the dual profession of teaching and preaching, his pastoral work being done at Orwell and Mecca until 1864.





S. J. BUCK



In that year Iowa College at Grinnell sought the services of Dr. Buck, and he came to this city to take up his work in connection with the school that was struggling for existence. The greater part of its pupils who were able to carry a musket had gone to the front in defense of the Union cause and there were but ninety-two students enrolled in the catalog of 1863-4 under the charge of four teachers, one of whom was Professor Von Coelln, whose recommendation of Dr. Buck had led to his selection for the professorship at Grinnell. He reached Grinnell on the 5th of February, 1864, and at once took up his work as principal of the Iowa College Academy and second permanent instructor in Iowa College. He brought to his new duties zeal and enthusiasm as well as wide knowledge, and the school soon felt the stimulus of his interest and exertions. In 1869 the college trustees elected him professor of mathematics and physics, which position he filled until 1905, the title of the chair, however, being changed in 1893 to that of mathematics and astronomy. In the earlier years of his professorship here he preached at Chester, aiding in organizing the Congregational church there and supplying the pulpit until January, 1866, when he resigned to accept the position of county superintendent of schools. He was twice elected to that position and the public school system of this city benefited by the stimulus given to it by his efforts and ability.

In 1868 he was elected a member of the school board of the independent district of Grinnell and continued to serve upon it until 1880, being president of the board the last six years, declining to serve longer.

After three years in the county superintendency he resigned to accept again the pastorate of the church at Chester. For two years he engaged in preaching the gospel there and then resigned to supply the new church at Gilman, which he had aided in organizing and of which he remained pastor for seven years. For two years he supplied the pulpit of the Congregational church of Toledo, Iowa, and his labors in the ministry were not denied the full harvests nor the aftermath.

At the same time Dr Buck was continuing his work in the college and the beneficial results of his labors were so far and so strongly felt that in 1870, when the trustees, feeling the need of more funds, began to look about for some one to act as a representative of the college in the solicitation of gifts for the memorial fund, so-called because that year was the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers, they very naturally chose Dr. Buck. The same zeal and enthusiasm which characterized him in the performance of every duty were manifest in this connection and within a few months he had succeeded in securing between twenty-five and thirty thousand dollars for endowment and an additional sum of three thousand dollars for the equipment of the physics department. At the following commencement the trustees in recognition of his successful efforts, unsolicited, gave his chair the title of "the memorial professorship." This name was retained until 1891 when Alonzo Steele, of Grinnell, pledged twenty thousand dollars for the endowment of the chair and at his request the title was changed to "the Myra Steele professorship of mathematics and physics" in honor of a deceased daughter, which name is still retained except that the word astronomy has been substituted for physics.

In the same year in which Iowa College chose him as professor of mathematics and astronomy to solicit funds, the State Teachers Association elected him to its

presidency and he occupied the chair at the meeting of the State Teachers Association held in Council Bluffs the following year. Later he was again chosen as the chief executive of the association but declined the honors. It has been characteristic of the life of Dr. Buck that duty has ever been with him the first consideration. He has refused honors and emoluments to remain with Grinnell College. He was offered the presidency of Talladega College, in Alabama, by the American Missionary Association in 1880 and although this would have meant advancement in honors and salary, he declined in order to remain with Grinnell College, where his interests had so long centered. In 1884, when George F. Magoun, the first president of the college, resigned, Professor Buck was chosen acting president and the work went forward without interruption, gaining in quality and quantity so that at the close of this triennium the attendance had increased over forty-three per cent and more money was raised for Grinnell College than during any similar period in its history of nearly six decades. There is perhaps no department of the college that has not been benefited materially and largely by the efforts of Dr. Buck, while in various directions his labors have been of inestimable value. In 1888 the Clark Equatorial telescope was given to the college and Professor Buck, who had been teaching astronomy without interruption since 1869, determined to obtain other equipment for the department. The usual success attended him in this undertaking and soon the astronomical department was supplied with a modern equipment for advanced instruction in the science of astronomy. In 1903 the degree of D. D. was bestowed upon Professor Buck by Tabor College, Iowa. After forty-two years' connection with the school Dr. Buck tendered his resignation, announcing his determination to retire from the active work of teaching, an announcement that was received with deep regret on the part of all who had been connected with the school. He had endeared himself not only to his associate professors and teachers but also to the students of the college. In his work as a teacher he had always regarded the personal equation and studied the individual needs of the pupil and had adapted his instruction thereto. Moreover, his pupils recognized his strong sympathy and his abiding spirit of helpfulness and therefore his work was an inspiration that prompted them to do their best.

In addition to his regular college work Dr. Buck had made regular weather reports from 1888 as a volunteer observer. He has also filled the office of county surveyor for twenty-one years, in which connection he was never loath to give his students an opportunity to aid him and thus supplement their college instruction not only by practical experience but also by the attainment of funds of which many of them stood in need. An alumnus of Grinnell College, writing the biography of Dr. Buck, has said: "As one recalls the story of his life and thinks of the part which he has played in the building up, not only of the college and the town of Grinnell, but of the state as well, it is little wonder that he hesitates to point a moral or adorn the tale with words which cannot be more eloquent or forceful than a statement of the simple facts. Moreover eulogy seems inappropriate here from the fact that Dr. Buck has never been one to court public notice or to desire public praise. But for the alumni of Iowa College who have learned to know this man and, knowing, to love him, the news of his resignation will involuntarily call up certain thoughts and lessons which associate themselves nat-



urally with the story of his life and which it seems well to mention briefly at this time. If there is any one thing more than another which Dr. Buck's life and efforts illustrate it is perhaps the great amount of work which a man can accomplish simply by living his life conscientiously from day to day and by working patiently, tirelessly, calmly—without unseemly haste or worry. That Dr. Buck's days have been filled with hard, serious toil, none who have known of the various interests of his life will deny. One of his own household recalls many a day in earlier years when, wearied by the trials of a week's hard work, he would shut himself up alone on Saturday in order not to be disturbed while preparing a discourse for his Chester or Gilman or Toledo congregation the following day. On Sunday morning he would be up and off early for the long drive to his pulpit where he would conduct one, two and often three services and then drive home and cheerfully begin the week's round over again early Monday morning. Yet his life has been characterized by tranquillity and patient reserve—a mark of culture which the much-boasted strenuousness of our present working-day world cares little for and which shames the hasty ways of little men.

"But the characteristic which we think most prominently associates itself with Dr. Buck in the minds of those who have been his students is his unfailing kindness and gentleness. He has always tried to be just and while holding up high ideals to others he has never been one to demand of others what he did not require of himself. Like Chaucer's good priest, 'Christ's lore and His apostles twelve he taught, but first he followed it himself.' Another conspicuous feature in the life of this man has been the respect and high regard which he has always maintained for his calling. Whether preaching or teaching he has felt that he was doing God's good work and he has done it with a befitting dignity. Yet this dignity and self-respect could never be mistaken for bigotry or intolerance towards the views or acts of others. Being by nature conservative, he has held conservative views and was never accused of unorthodoxy, but he has been broad-minded enough to have respect for the opinions of others. In fact one may say he has been as a rule very reserved in expressing his own views except when he thought the time imperatively demanded it. On one such occasion at least he took a firm and decided stand when others questioned and hesitated, only to see his position justified by time. He possesses a real and keen sense of humor which has always found ready expression and this humor has been as unfailing as his kindness and his bright, cheerful manner has been a tonic and a lesson for those who have come in contact with him. Generosity has ever been another of his traits—a generosity which has led him to give to college, church, town and public interests far in excess of his means or his share, particularly in the early days of town and college. In regard to him a prominent graduate of the college expresses the common sentiment when he writes, 'He is one of the Pioneers of the college, a true friend to all students, and a kind Providence has found him so useful in the institution that two score years of labor have been measured out to him. It is a rare record; one vouchsafed to but few persons. He ought to be proud of it and every son and daughter of Grinnell College is proud of Dr. Buck.' He has been in a very true sense a connecting link between the old and the new in our college life, for he has shared the privileges and helped bear the burdens of both. Young in spirit and in faith, he is old in service and rich in experience.

Though by no means the last by whom the new has been tried he has never been the first to throw the old aside. Thus he has been a constant reminder of old ideals at the same time that he has been a conservative adopter of new ideas. If, as President Eliot has said, 'It is the greatest of human rewards to be enfolded as years advance in an atmosphere of honor, gratitude and love,' Dr. Buck has come as near realizing this supreme happiness as perhaps any one could. He has been blessed for over half a century with a wife in sympathy with all his aspirations, who 'wears the pure flower of a blameless life' and who has borne her full share of her husband's burdens as she has been joint participant in his joys. He has seen the college, whose success has been his ambition and care, grow from a weakling to its present state and has been allotted a prominent part in bringing about this development. He has won the respect and affection of all those who have had the interests of the college in their hearts and he has been in the truest sense 'the student's friend.'"

On November 17, 1909, the golden wedding of Dr. Buck and his wife was celebrated. At this time all their children now living were present. Edith C. Buck, professor in the Iowa Teachers College at Cedar Falls; Dr. Samuel C. Buck, a physician of Grinnell, and family; and Irving J. Buck, a business man of St. Louis, Missouri, and family. Many friends called during the afternoon and evening to offer their congratulations. During the evening two songs written especially for the occasion were sung, one being composed by a college classmate, the other by two former pupils. Letters to the number of one hundred and fifty were received from acquaintances of note, from college classmates, from teachers in other institutions, from former pupils and from relatives, extending hearty congratulations and paying high tribute to the work accomplished in the world by Dr. Buck and his wife, and to their noble and useful lives. On this occasion, the house was filled with flowers, the gifts of friends and neighbors.

When names were selected for the Phi Beta Kappa chapter of Oberlin College, members of classes of years ago were chosen by vote of the surviving classmates and Dr. Buck was one of four of his class of 1858 to receive this mark of high attainment.

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### WILLIAM McDOWELL.

William McDowell, whose farm of two hundred and thirty-six acres in Washington township is proof of his business sagacity and who is at the head of one of the promising families in the township, is a native of Ireland. He was born in County Antrim, February 25, 1859, a son of David and Eliza (Jameson) McDowell, both of whom were natives of County Antrim. The father was a laborer and resided during his entire life on the Emerald isle. The mother came to America in 1804 and took up her home at Oak Grove, Iowa. She passed away October 10, 1907, having then reached the age of seventy-six years and six months. Both she and her husband were sincere members of the Presbyterian church. In their family were four children: Robert, who is now

living in New Zealand; William, of this review; David, deceased; and Agnes, the wife of Dan McMullin, of Philadelphia.

William McDowell received his early education in the national schools of Ireland. Even as a boy he was taught the value and importance of labor and hired out by the month until he had reached maturity, coming to America when he was twenty-three years of age. He located in Washington township, Poweshiek county, and in 1904 purchased the farm upon which he has since lived. It consists of two hundred and thirty-six acres and the general air of neatness and order that prevails about the place indicates a goodly measure of prosperity. He uses practical and progressive methods, which have gained for him the success he has richly merited.

On the 25th of December, 1889, Mr. McDowell was married to Miss Mary D. Heacock, who was born in Washington township November 4, 1871, a daughter of Alfred W. and Sarah E. (De Bord) Heacock, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume. Ten children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. McDowell, nine of whom are now living at home: Fred R., who was born November 12, 1890; David John, deceased; William M., born March 21, 1893; Charles E., born March 29, 1895; Bertha E., born May 2, 1897; Leslie A., born February 28, 1899; Arthur O., born June 22, 1902; Earle E., born April 16, 1904; Carl R., born June 1, 1907; and Paul R., born July 7, 1909.

Mr. McDowell is a member of the Society of Friends, whose teachings of brotherhood he has ever made the guiding principles of his life. In politics he adheres to the republican party. He has served as township trustee for one term and as member of the school board for two terms, displaying the same interest in his duties as a public officer that he evinces in private affairs. Mr. and Mrs. McDowell are rearing their children to lives of usefulness and unselfishness, and the family has many well wishers in a community where its members are highly popular and most favorably known.

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### GEORGE W. WILTSE.

The public record of George W. Wiltse is most creditable. Since 1903 he has filled the position of postmaster at Montezuma and his administration of the duties of office has been characterized by singleness of purpose, by promptness and loyalty whereby he has won the high commendation of all concerned. He has ever been classed as a progressive citizen, manifesting the same faithfulness to his country in times of peace that he did when he defended her interests upon the southern battlefields in times of war. He was born in Clayton county, Iowa, February 17, 1845, his parents being Leonard and Jane (Smith) Wiltse, the former a native of Ontario, Canada, and the latter of Pennsylvania. In 1838 the father arrived in Delaware county, Iowa, and three years later Jane Smith took up her abode there, having accompanied her parents on their westward removal. They were married in Delaware county and spent many years in Clayton county, but after retiring from active business life the father became a resident of Rawlins county, Kansas, where his death occurred. His widow



still resides there and was eighty-six years of age on the 11th of January, 1911. Leonard Wiltse had devoted his entire life to agricultural pursuits save when engaged in military duty. He served as a soldier in the Mexican war and also aided in subduing the Indians in Iowa and Minnesota when the white race were first making a settlement in these states.

George W. Wiltse is the eldest in a family of eight children, four sons and four daughters, of whom one son and one daughter are now deceased. He resided at the place of his birth on the old home farm in Clayton county until he enlisted for active service in the Civil war, in August, 1862, when a youth of but seventeen years. He joined Company D, Twenty-first Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and continued with his command for three years, or until mustered out at the close of the war. The regiment left Dubuque for Montrose, Iowa, thence went to St. Louis and after being in camp until January, 1863, a detachment of the Twenty-first was sent to Springfield, Missouri, which was threatened by the rebel forces under General Marmaduke. In February the regiment went to Cape Girardeau and subsequently moved on to Milliken's Bend, Louisiana, and afterward to Richmond with a view to engaging in the Vicksburg campaign. Mr. Wiltse on account of illness was left at Young's Point but on convalescing rejoined his regiment at Richmond. In quick succession the bloody battles of Champion's Hill and Black River Bridge were fought after which the command assisted in building fortifications and in making the assault on Vicksburg. Mr. Wiltse was wounded in the charge and was sent to a hospital but rejoined his command after ten days. On August 13, the Twenty-first Iowa left Vicksburg and was on camp and picket duty at Bayou Boeuff until the order to take part in the Teche expedition. After a brief period spent at New Orleans the command came to proceed to the coast of Texas and the regiment landed at Matagorda Island. In January, 1864, they proceeded to Indianola, Texas, and on the 17th of May received orders to join General Banks in his Red River expedition, leaving New Orleans on the 14th of May. They went into camp at Thibodeaux and remained there on provost duty until July 9 when they returned to Algiers. The next move took them to Morganza Bend and later to Natchez, opposite Vicksburg. Subsequently a camp was built at the mouth of the White River in Arkansas and expeditions were made up the river as far as Duvall's Bluff where the regiment engaged in picket duty for some time. Early in December they started to assist in the operations against Hood who was besieging Nashville, and on the 1st of January, 1865, returned to Memphis and embarked for New Orleans. Later orders caused them to join in the Mobile campaign under General Canby and on the 12th of April the city of Mobile surrendered. There the troops learned of Lee's surrender and the collapse of the Confederacy, and in June the Twenty-first Iowa was mustered out, returning up the Mississippi and disbanding at Clinton, Iowa.

When the war was over Mr. Wiltse again became a resident of Clayton county where he followed farming until 1877, when he took up his abode upon a tract of land a mile south of Montezuma. Here he carried on general agricultural pursuits until 1883 when he entered the dray and coal business in Montezuma, being thus prominently connected with the mercantile interests of the city for twenty years, or until his appointment to the position of postmaster, in 1903.



This position he has since filled and during his eight years' service has made a most creditable record in office.

In July, 1870, in Colesburg, Iowa, Mr. Wiltse was married to Miss Emily J. Twombly who died in Montezuma. They had five children: D. O., who died at the age of four years; Frank, a resident of Emmetsburg, Iowa; Lottie, the wife of Fred Wiegant, of Clayton county; Maude, the deceased wife of Richard Pierce; and William, of Waterloo, Iowa. On the 12th of May, 1889, Mr. Wiltse was again married, his second union being with Miss Tillie F. Myers, of Montezuma, and they have one child, Lois.

Mr. Wiltse has been a lifelong republican, unfaltering in his advocacy of the party and its principles. He served as deputy sheriff of Poweshiek county for four years and in that position, as in the office of postmaster, made a creditable record. Fraternally he is connected with the Grand Army of the Republic, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In every relation of life he has been as true and loyal to his country as when he followed the old flag upon the southern battlefields and won his right to be classed with the honored veterans of the Civil war.

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#### ARTHUR C. NORRIS.

Arthur C. Norris, a well known and highly esteemed resident of Grinnell, is ably discharging the duties devolving upon him in the capacity of postmaster. His birth occurred in Pittsfield, New Hampshire, on the 27th of May, 1868, his parents being Moses L. and Anna (Joy) Norris, who were born, reared and married in Pittsfield. In 1870 they came west to Poweshiek county, Iowa, residing on a farm a mile east of Grinnell for one year. On the expiration of that period Mr. Norris purchased a farm of two hundred acres in Rock Creek township, six miles southwest of Grinnell, paying ten dollars an acre for the property. He made his home thereon until 1887 and then took up his abode in Grinnell, where he engaged in the hardware business, being thus identified with mercantile interests for ten years. Since 1898 he has lived in honorable retirement, enjoying the fruits of his former toil in well earned ease. In 1903 he removed to Greeley, Colorado, where he has since made his home. He owns a farm there but is not actively engaged in its operation. His political allegiance is given to the democracy, while in religious faith both he and his wife are Baptists. While a resident of Rock Creek township Mr. Norris was a leader in the local ranks of his party, holding the various township offices.

Arthur C. Norris, who was but two years of age when brought to Poweshiek county by his parents, has made his home within its borders continuously since. He was reared on the home farm and obtained his early education in the common schools, while subsequently he attended Iowa College. In early manhood he entered his father's hardware store as an assistant and there learned the tinner's trade, remaining in the store until his father's disposal of the same in 1898. For several years prior to that time he had been associated with the Iowa National Guards as captain of the Grinnell company, which was known

as Company K, Second Iowa Infantry. The company volunteered for service at the outbreak of the Spanish-American war, enlisting on the 26th of April and being mustered in as Company K and assigned to the Fiftieth Regiment on the 17th of May following. Mr. Norris was sent to Jacksonville, Florida, in command of his company and on the 30th of November was discharged from the service. On returning home he accepted a position as bookkeeper in the hardware store of G. L. Miles, being thus employed for three years. In the spring of 1902, being advised by his physician to recuperate his strength by spending more time out-of-doors, he took a position as rural mail carrier, holding the same for nine months. He then spent a few months in the hardware store and on the 1st of July, 1903, entered the Grinnell postoffice as substitute clerk, while on the 15th of November following he was appointed a regular clerk. In the latter capacity he served until a special election was called that the people might choose a successor to W. G. Ray, the retiring postmaster. Mr. Norris was elected by a majority of three hundred and sixty-one votes over six other candidates for the office. He has proven a capable, genial and popular official and enjoys the friendship and confidence of the public at large.

Mr. Norris has been married twice. In 1890 he wedded Miss Nellie L. Raffety, of Grinnell, Iowa, by whom he had two children, Renna and Wendell. The wife and mother died of typhoid fever at St. Louis, in 1898, while returning from a visit to her husband, who had been stricken with the fever and was lying in the hospital at Jacksonville. While there she contracted the disease and was advised by her physician to go north at once. She began the journey but was taken off the train at St. Louis, where her demise occurred. On the 4th of June, 1901, Mr. Norris was again married, his second union being with Miss Jennie V. Raffety, a sister of his first wife.

Mr. Norris is a stanch republican in politics, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Baptist church, to which his wife also belongs. Fraternally he is identified with Herman Lodge, No. 273, A. F. & A. M.; Hardy Camp, No. 291, Modern Woodmen; and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a sterling, upright and conscientious citizen, true to a lofty ideal of manhood in all the relations of life and eminently worthy of the high esteem in which he is held.

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#### BEDY BRYAN.

Bedy Bryan is now living retired in Montezuma, enjoying a rest which he has truly earned and richly deserves. He was very successful in his business operations, conducting farming along extensive lines. At one time he owned six hundred acres and is still the possessor of a valuable property of one hundred and seventy-three acres, which returns to him a gratifying annual income. His birth occurred in Greene county, Ohio, near Jamestown, February 28, 1834, his parents being Alanson and Easter (Mendenhall) Bryan. The Bryan family came from Ireland. Bryan as a surname originated in Ireland in most instances with descendants of Brian Boru, king of Ireland, from 1002 to 1014. The



MR. AND MRS. BEDY BRYAN





first form of the name was O'Brien, from which Bryan and many other variations are derived. From King Brian descended a line of chiefs and princes who, with their adherents, defended their national independence for centuries in Thomond, called O'Brien's country, with fierce contests against the Anglo, Norman and British settlers.

Sir Francis Bryan was a prominent man in Ireland about the middle of the sixteenth century and probably became president of Munster. It is thought that he was the ancestor of the following Bryan line. William Smith Bryan was a landholder in Ireland at the time of the English invasion under Cromwell and for championing the cause of the Irish was transported as a rebellious subject in 1650 to the American colonies. He settled in Gloucester county, Virginia. He had eleven sons, of whom Morgan Bryan of Norfolk county, was probably one. It is believed that William Bryan, born in 1685, was another son. He and his wife, Margaret, lived at Ballyroney, County Down Ireland, and one day sent their little son John to the woods to cut a stick to make a handle for a hook used in weaving. The boy was arrested for poaching. After much trouble and expense the father secured his release and immediately sailed for America, where, as he said, timber was free and there were no constables. This was in 1718 and he settled first in New Jersey or Pennsylvania. Their son John wedded Mary Morrison and to them was born a son, Andrew Morrison Bryan, April 25, 1748. He wedded Mary Akers and their son Morrison married Rhoda Johnson and removed from Virginia to Highland county, Ohio, in 1807.

It was in that county that Alanson Bryan, father of our subject, was born in a log schoolhouse, February 4, 1808, and two years later the family removed to Greene county, Ohio, where, at the age of twenty, Alanson Bryan married Easter Mendenhall. He owned a sixth interest in fifty acres of land in Greene county, Ohio, afterward purchased the interests of the other heirs and added to his holdings until he had two hundred acres. In 1849 he sold his property for fifteen dollars per acre and came to Iowa, where he purchased two hundred acres at seven and a half dollars per acre in Mahaska county. He then came to Poweshiek county and intended to enter one hundred and sixty acres adjoining Montezuma on the northeast, but made a misentry and secured one hundred and sixty acres of timber land three miles southwest. Some one discovering his misentry told him of it and B. O. Payne, who had a claim on it, unknown to Mr. Bryan, called a number of the members of the claim club together and started for Oskaloosa to make Mr. Bryan give up the timber land or tar and feather him. John Deardoff, living on Moon creek in Mahaska county, was president of the club. He advised the party to wait, saying that he would go down and get Mr. Bryan. When he returned a trial was held and it was proven that Payne had more land than he could hold by the claim laws, which allowed one hundred and sixty acres of prairie and eighty acres of timber land to an individual. With that the case was dropped. A few years later the land was all taken up and the "claim law" accordingly passed out of use. Within the next two years Alanson Bryan entered land until at one time he owned over eleven hundred acres in Poweshiek county. Three of his children died before coming to Iowa and to the surviving eight he gave each one hundred and twenty acres. His children began, therefore, to settle in this

county in 1850 but the father did not live in Poweshiek county until about 1875. His sons and daughters numbered eleven: Morrison G., John M., Rachel, Dennis, Bedy, William A., Rhoda, Neri E., Talitha, Andrew A. and James J. Seven of these are now living. Of the children J. M. Bryan, Mrs. Rachel Bryan Bone and Neri Bryan, a brother of Alanson, came to Poweshiek county in January, 1850, and lived in the Gideon Willson double log house at the north-west corner of the square in Montezuma until they could erect a log house on the one hundred and sixty acre tract previously mentioned. There they established the first brickyard in the county. In 1851 or 1852 J. M. Bryan married Tacy Jane Smith and removed to the farm northeast of Montezuma, where he still makes his home. His wife died in 1898. W. A. Bryan came to this county in 1856, ran a breaking team with oxen and later opened the Mincer coal mine in Mahaska county, this being the first coal mine on Buck creek. In the following winter he married Catharine Pearson, and in the spring of 1857 they took up their abode in Union township, Poweshiek county. Two sons, Neri E. and Andrew A., were soldiers of the Union army from 1862 until the close of the war. Neri afterward wedded Mary E. Jobe and occupied a farm north of Montezuma, while Andrew married Harriet Harner and settled on his farm a mile and a half north of Montezuma. Several years ago, however, he took up his abode in the city and eighteen years ago Neri Bryan removed to California. Two others of the family, Dennis Bryan and Mrs. Talitha Harner, are mentioned elsewhere in this volume. The mother of this family, Mrs. Easter Bryan, died in 1874 in Hamilton county, Iowa, and the father, Alanson Bryan, afterward came to Poweshiek county, where he continued to live with his children until his death in August, 1897, when in the ninetieth year of his age.

Bedy Bryan, the fifth of the family, came to Iowa with his parents in 1849 and bore the usual hardships and privations of pioneer life in the early days. He resided with his parents until his marriage, April 19, 1855, when with a loaded ox wagon he drove to Montezuma and settled a mile and a half northeast of the town on an eighty acre tract of prairie land on section 6, Jackson township. He also had forty acres of timber land, this property being given him by his father, who had entered it in 1849. Mr. Bryan resided on his eighty acre tract for fifty years lacking two months. He then sold out and since 1905 has made his home in Montezuma. He was also at one time owner of eighty acres in Scott township, which he sold in 1906. Throughout his life he followed farming and was very successful in his work, becoming the owner of over six hundred acres. He made a specialty of stock-raising and his business interests brought to him substantial success. Although he has since disposed of much of his land, he is still the owner of a valuable tract of one hundred and seventy-three acres, which returns to him a gratifying annual income.

On the 19th of April, 1855, Mr. Bryan was married to Miss Margaret A. Victor, who was born in Delaware, October 13, 1834. After living for a time in Ohio and later in Indiana she accompanied her parents to Iowa in 1848, the family being established near Oskaloosa, in the same neighborhood as the Bryan home. She is a daughter of Burton and Sarah A. (Todd) Victor, who were natives of Delaware. Her mother died in Mahaska county, Iowa, and her father passed away in Arkansas. Mr. and Mrs. Bryan became the parents of

five children. Sarah E., the eldest, is the wife of J. M. Chamberlain, of Washington township, and has five children: Sylvia A., Charles L., William, who married Laura Cline and has a son, Virgil; and Clarence and Lawrence, twins. Mary E. died at the age of twenty years. Elliott M., a resident of Montezuma, wedded Mary A. Cochran and they have one child, Lowell V. John B., who for the past thirty years has been agent for the Grinnell & Montezuma Railroad at Montezuma, married Nellie Porter and has two sons: Chester S., who wedded Vida Brown and has one child, Hazel Fay, and Harold. William A., the youngest of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Bedy Bryan, married Nellie Henry and they have five children: Edna L., Howard, who died at the age of four years; Ellis, who died at the age of seven years; Verna, and Raymond V.

No history of this county would be complete without extended mention of the Bryan family, one of the oldest within its borders. The representatives of the name have ever been loyal in citizenship and reliable in business and have made excellent records in every relation of life. Bedy Bryan tells most interesting stories and incidents of the early days when the family were undergoing all the hardships of a new country. They lived here during the era of wild-cat money from 1854 until 1860, which made it doubly hard, as one had to consult Thompson's Bank-Note Detector every time they received a paper dollar, as the value changed nearly every day. One day it would be quoted at its face and the next day ten or twenty cents on the dollar; sometimes it was fifty cents and again it was worthless. It was not safe to keep money on hand twenty-four hours, but the money system of the country, like all other things, has changed and the people of Poweshiek county are now living in a splendidly developed region, the naturally rich and fertile land responding readily to the care and cultivation bestowed upon it, while business interests of many kinds have here sprung up, affording excellent opportunity to the man who is willing to put forth earnest, honest labor for the attainment of success.

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#### F. S. BERNARD.

F. S. Bernard has the distinction of being the oldest business man, in point of years of residence, in Malcom, and his record has therefore been closely identified with the growth and development of the town from the earliest chapters of its history.

A native of Ohio, he was born in Highland county, May 26, 1849, a son of Richard and Eunice (Wick) Bernard, who were born in Virginia and Kentucky respectively. They were reared and married in Ohio, however, and came to Poweshiek county, settling in Montezuma in the fall of 1860. In 1895 they arrived in Malcom, where their remaining days were spent, the father passing away in 1901, at the age of eighty-four years, and the mother in 1899, when eighty-two years of age. The former had devoted his entire lifetime to agricultural pursuits. Their family consisted of the following children: Mary Ann, who married Ivins Johnson and is now deceased; Louisa, who passed away in infancy; W. H., of Montezuma, who served in the Third Iowa and Twenty-eighth



Iowa Infantry at the time of the Civil war; Christopher C., who enlisted from Poweshiek county as a member of Company C, Twenty-eighth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and was killed at the battle of Cedar Creek; Eliza, the widow of Andrew Gilliland, of Hartford, Michigan; F. S., of this review; H. R., of Portland, Oregon; Joseph Edgar, residing in Pasadena, California; Ella, who married D. H. Jonty, of Hartford; and Flora, the wife of Charles Swaney, of Montezuma.

F. S. Bernard was a lad of eleven years of age when he came to Poweshiek county with his parents in 1860, and through the intervening years since that period has continued to make his home within its limits. On the home farm, about three and a half miles southeast of Montezuma, he was reared to rural life, and remained with his parents until, believing that he might find other pursuits more congenial and profitable than farming, he went to Ottumwa, Iowa, where he worked at the blacksmith trade for about three years, during which period he thoroughly mastered all branches of the business. In March, 1875, he came to Malcom, which has since continued to remain the scene of his business activity. Malcom at that time was but a town in embryo, consisting of little more than a group of buildings near the depot and bearing little resemblance to the flourishing village of today. He at once sought work and for nine years was employed in the blacksmith shop of T. S. Cartwright. At the expiration of that period he joined his brother in purchasing the business of Mr. Cartwright, and they continued in its operation until the election of the latter, in 1902, to the office of county recorder. Mr. Bernard then entered into partnership relations with R. A. Wiley, under the firm style of Bernard & Wiley, engaging in general blacksmithing and all kinds of repairing and wood work. They also conduct an agricultural implement business, dealing in buggies, wagons, pumps, windmills, etc., and in this direction they have built up an extensive trade, drawing their patronage from all parts of the county. While connected with his brother Mr. Bernard erected the present shops, consisting of a two-story frame building, one hundred and five by twenty-five feet, with an ell extension of fifty feet. The enterprise, which has had a continuous and substantial growth since its inception, has developed into one of the important business interests of the town and its success is due, in large measure, to the keen business ability, expert workmanship and reliable methods of the partners.

In the year 1881 Mr. Bernard was united in marriage to Miss Priscilla Stoaks, who was born in Donahue, Scott county, Iowa, on the 18th of August, 1862, but was reared and married in Poweshiek county. Her parents, Peter and Nancy (Helm) Stoaks, are both deceased, the mother passing away on the 4th of July, 1891, and the father on the 1st of March, 1908, while residing with his daughter, Mrs. Bernard. The latter by her marriage to Mr. Bernard became the mother of five children, namely: Blanche, the wife of Worth Porter, of Grinnell township; Fred, who passed away at the age of nine years; Hazel, who married Harley Bookneau, of Grinnell; and Frank and James, both at home.

Mr. Bernard is well known in Masonic circles as a Master Mason, belonging to Lily Lodge, No. 254, A. F. & A. M., of Malcom; Hysop Chapter, No. 50,



R. A. M., also of Malcom; and Oriental Commandery, No. 22, K. T., of Newton. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and at one time served on the city council. He is justice of the peace at present and for eighteen years has served on the board of education, of which he is now president. He has ever been a staunch champion of the cause of education, standing as he does for the highest and best in intellectual training, and other interests as well have felt the stimulus of his influence, for he is public-spirited in his citizenship, advocating all those measures which tend to promote the welfare of the community. He has been identified with the business interests of Malcom longer than any other resident, his connection therewith extending over a period of thirty-six years, and in the meantime he has witnessed its development from a small hamlet to the progressive little town of the present, his own record typifying in a certain degree the progress and advancement which has been continuously carried forward within its limits. He is widely known throughout the community and the consensus of public opinion accords him a prominent place among Malcom's representative and respected citizens.

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### JOHN S. DEVEREUX.

Ever since he arrived at an age when he was able to work in the fields John S. Devereux has been connected with farming and stock-raising. He began as a farmer on his father's place but now owns productive property in Washington township, and each year under his management the land yields excellent harvests. He is a native of Harford county, Maryland, is a son of Alexander and Elizabeth (Hayes) Devereux, and was born June 4, 1859. The parents were both born in County Wexford, Ireland. The mother came to the United States in 1852 and the father in the year following. They were married in the east and arrived in Poweshiek county, Iowa, March 17, 1871, where Mr. Devereux purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land, which he cleared and improved. He devoted his attention especially to stock farming and attained a goodly measure of success. He died December 20, 1900, the mother being called away February 11, 1905. They were consistent members of the Catholic church and politically Mr. Devereux gave his support to the democratic party. He never sought public office but served for several years as member of the school board in his district. There were nine children in their family: James, who is now living in Adair county, Iowa; John S., the subject of this review; Mary, the wife of John Hanley, of Adair county; Alexander, of Washington township; Sarah, who is deceased; Margaret, the wife of Edward Comerford, of Stewart, Iowa; Ida, who is living with her brother Alexander; William, of Floyd county, Iowa; and Annie, now Mrs. Louis Higdon, of Washington township.

John S. Devereux received his preliminary education in the schools of Maryland. He came to Iowa with his parents in his boyhood and remained on his father's farm until about 1897, when he took up his residence on a farm of two hundred acres, which he had purchased in 1890. This place he sold in 1900

and then bought three hundred and forty-nine acres, which he has developed into one of the most attractive farms in this part of the county. He raises various kinds of grain but specializes in livestock—a line of business which he understands thoroughly and one which yields good returns.

On the 27th of April, 1897, Mr. Devereux was married to Miss Alice Comerford, who was born in Ohio, March 17, 1864, a daughter of Pierce and Mary (Ford) Comerford. The father was born in County Tipperary and the mother in County Mayo, Ireland. They emigrated to America in 1847 and for a number of years lived near Dayton, Ohio. In 1869 they came west to Os-kaloosa, Iowa, and in the year following removed to New Sharon, where Mr. Comerford purchased a farm, which became the family homestead. He died January 31, 1905, his wife having been called away April 12, 1899. They were both born and reared in the Catholic church and in politics he gave his support to the democratic party. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Devereux: James E., who is deceased; and Leo P., now living at home.

Mr. Devereux and his wife are members of the Catholic church and are earnest and sincere believers in its teachings. In politics he is in sympathy with the democratic party, its platform and candidates, but he is not a seeker for political honors, his interest being mostly centered in his business. He is a friend of education and has served for two years as member of the school board. Ever alert and enterprising, he is governed by a worthy ambition to make the best use of his talents and the success he has achieved indicates that he was wise, indeed, in establishing his permanent home amidst the inviting scenes of Washington township.

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#### GRANT L. OSTROM.

On the paternal side the family of which Grant L. Ostrom, of Poweshiek county, is a member has been traced to Holland, the early progenitors of the family in America assisting in the founding of New Amsterdam, which is now New York city. The sagacity, patience and perseverance of the Dutch settlers of New York have been observed as characteristics of many of their descendants and it is, perhaps, due to influences handed down from worthy ancestry that Mr. Ostrom owes a large measure of his success in business. He was born in Knox county, Illinois, July 24, 1863, a son of George L. and Margaret M. Ostrom, a record of whom is presented elsewhere in this work.

Grant L. Ostrom was brought by his parents to Iowa in his infancy and grew to manhood in the parental home. He received his early education in the common schools and after laying his books aside worked on shares on his father's farm. Later he entered the implement and lumber business at Hartwick, but after five years moved out upon his present location on section 24, Jefferson township, where he applied himself to farming for six years. He then returned to Hartwick and for seven years was connected with the lumber business, finally settling permanently on his farm. He owns a place of one hundred and sixty acres, which is well improved and, as it is diligently cultivated, yields

handsome annual returns. The farm is provided with modern improvements and its appearance reflects high credit upon its owner and indicates that he takes great interest in his vocation.

On the 25th of December, 1888, Mr. Ostrom was married to Miss Sadie C. Whitlatch, a daughter of Jonathan Whitlatch, who was born in Pennsylvania and settled on a farm in Poweshiek county, Iowa. He died in 1908. Mr. Ostrom was called upon to mourn the death of his wife in 1903. Three children were born of this union, namely: Ray L.; Earl; and Lisle, all of whom are living. For his second wife Mr. Ostrom married Mrs. Ada (Doty) Smith, a daughter of Abel and Laura (Sheets) Doty, a record of whom is given on another page of this work. To this union two children have been born: Grace and Percy. William A. Smith, a son of Mrs. Ostrom by her former marriage, is also a member of the family.

Mr. Ostrom is a staunch advocate of the republican party and takes great interest in its success, usually voting the entire ticket as indorsed by the conventions. He served for four terms to the general satisfaction of the community as justice of the peace, and also for many years as member of the school board. Fraternally he is connected with Sharon Lodge, No. 287, A. F. & A. M., of Victor, Iowa. A successful business man and a thorough farmer he is now reaping the rewards of his labors, and also enjoys the confidence and respect of those who have known him from his boyhood.

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#### CHARLES O. LORD.

Charles O. Lord, who was born at Shapleigh, York county, Maine, February 6, 1849, and died December 30, 1904, was one of the highly respected citizens of Poweshiek county and was the owner of a well improved farm in Washington township. He retired from active labors two years before his death, having through his industry and good management acquired a handsome competence for himself and family. His parents were Oliver and Hulda (Thurston) Lord, and both of them were natives of York county. The father was a ship builder and also the owner of a farm. He died in Maine about 1878, the mother being called away several years later while living near Haverhill, Massachusetts. Mr. Lord was in political belief a democrat, and both he and his wife were members of the Free Will Baptist church. Besides their son, Charles O., there were two other children in the family—Maria H. and Francis M., both of whom are deceased.

Charles O. Lord was educated in the public schools of the Pine Tree state and after completing his education he worked in a shoe shop until 1864 when, although he had scarcely passed his boyhood, he was accepted as a soldier in Company F, Thirty-second Maine Volunteers, being later transferred to the Thirty-first Maine Volunteers. He served most acceptably until the close of the war, a period of about one year. He then engaged in peaceful pursuits and was employed in a piano factory at Deep River, Connecticut, until 1872, when he came to Grinnell and rented a farm. Later he went to Nebraska for two years

but returning once more took up his residence in Grinnell. In 1895 he purchased a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Washington township which became the family homestead. He took great interest in his work and improved his farm by the erection of buildings and fences and the setting out of shade trees, so that, although the place was not as large as some others in the neighborhood, it compared favorably in appearance and productive capacity with the best kept farms in the township. Mr. Lord was a good business man and his labors were attended with an abundant measure of prosperity.

On the 6th of February, 1879, he was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Brownell, a daughter of Benjamin Franklin and Mary Jane (Shipman) Brownell. She was born April 10, 1858, in Pike county, Illinois, and was educated in Chester township, Poweshiek county, Iowa, having accompanied her parents to this county when she was nine years old. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Lord, namely: George Curtis, who was born October 24, 1880, and is now living in Grinnell township; and Jesse Cornelius, born July 14, 1882, and now living with his mother.

Mr. Lord, the subject of this review, was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and an active worker in that organization, having served as superintendent of the Sunday school in Westfield for several years. Politically, he gave his support to the republican party, and although he did not seek public office he filled the position of school director in Washington township very acceptably. As an ex-soldier of the Civil war he held membership in the Grand Army of the Republic. He was for many years a member of the Masonic order and advanced through many degrees, becoming a Knight Templar. He was a man of genial characteristics who made many friends, and by a life which was devoted in a large measure to the promotion of the welfare of others he gained the good will of the entire community. Mrs. Lord still lives upon the family homestead, her son, Jesse, now being in charge of the farm. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and is one of the highly respected and honored residents of this section.

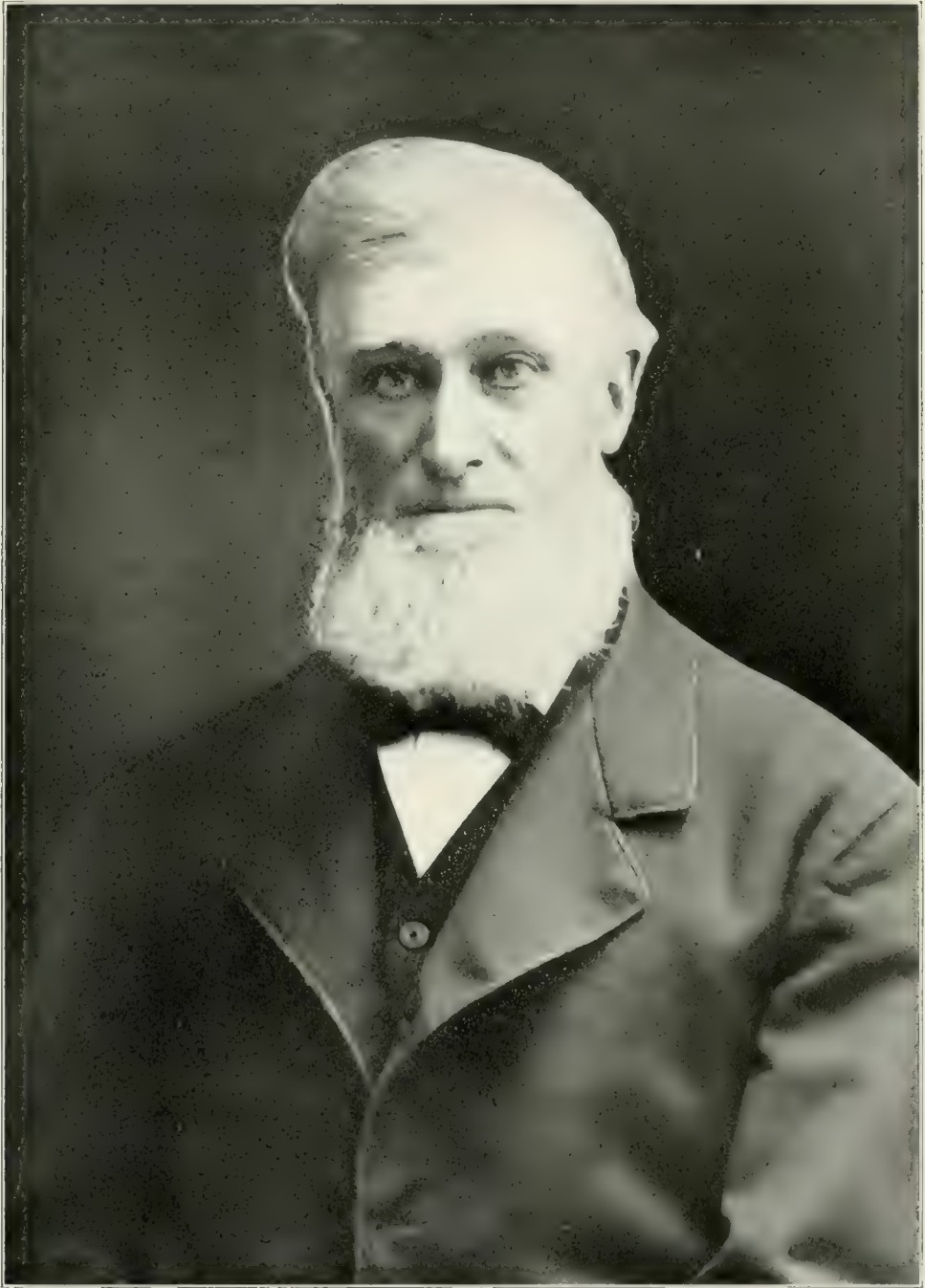
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### JAMES FORDYCE BAILEY.

James Fordyce Bailey was born August 22, 1815, in Westmoreland township, Oneida county, New York. On the 11th of June, 1845, he married Cornelia Doolittle, the ceremony taking place at Hampton village (now called Westmoreland village), Westmoreland township, Oneida county, New York. The same day his brother, John Bailey, married Emily Seymour in Kirkland, Oneida county, New York, at the home of her sister, while his sister, Joanna Bailey, married Dr. Ralph Abercromby Severance at the Bailey homestead. His brother-in-law, Rev. Amzi D. Barber, performed all these ceremonies.

James Fordyce Bailey was one of a family of nine children, seven sons and two daughters. His parents were Eliphalet and Nancy (Bradish) Bailey. His father, one of the early settlers of Westmoreland, was a prosperous farmer and





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took an active part in public affairs. The paternal grandparents of our subject were James and Lucy (Gay) Bailey, who lived in Lebanon, Connecticut. During the Revolutionary war the grandfather acted as a guard for a few days. The grandmother lived to attain the age of ninety-two years. Mr. Bailey of this review was descended from John Bailey, who came from Chippenham, England, being shipwrecked at Pemaquid (now Bristol), Maine, in the great storm on the 15th of August, 1635. He settled first at Newbury, Massachusetts, and in 1639 became one of the founders of Salisbury, Massachusetts. The mother of our subject bore the maiden name of Nancy Bradish and was born in Cummington, Massachusetts, her parents being Dr. James and Irene (Townsend) Bradish. Her mother was twice married, her first husband being Dr. Clark. They took up their abode in Floyd, Oneida county, New York, in 1802. Dr. James Bradish was a surgeon at the siege of Boston in the Revolutionary war. Irene (Townsend) Bradish lived to attain the age of ninety-two years. She was a twin sister of Nathaniel Townsend and a daughter of David and Irene (Loomis) Townsend. The Loomis, Townsend and Bradish families have been traced to New England pioneers of very early dates. Deacon John Bradish, the father of Dr. James Bradish, served as selectman in 1775 and was a member of the Revolutionary committee of correspondence for Hardwick, Massachusetts, from 1774 until 1777. Robert Bradish, the emigrant from England, was in Cambridge, Massachusetts, at least as early as August 28, 1635.

Cornelia Doolittle, who was born in Camden, Oneida county, New York, on the 28th of August, 1824, had two brothers and a half sister. She was the eldest child of Amzi Doolittle, Esq., and his first wife, Hannah (Cone) Doolittle, who was the widow of Andrew Bettis. Amzi Doolittle was born in Watertown, Connecticut, and accompanied his parents on their removal to Plymouth, Connecticut. Subsequently he made his way to Camden, New York, and about 1825 went to the village of Hampton in New York, where he served as town judge until his health failed. He was a cooper by trade. The name Doolittle means "of Dolieta," a place on the Norman coast in France. Rudolph of Dolieta, a Norman noble who came over with William the Conqueror, is the progenitor of all the Doolittles in England. Cornelia Doolittle was descended from Hon. Abraham Dowlittell (as he spelled his name), who was born in England in 1619 or 1620. He was a Puritan and came to America at the age of about twenty-one to escape the tyranny of Charles I. As early as 1640 he was in Boston, Massachusetts. He removed to New Haven, Connecticut, prior to 1642 and was the chief executive officer of that town in 1644, when scarcely twenty-five years old. For many years he served as selectman and was seven times deputy to the general assembly at Hartford. He was one of the founders of Wallingford, Connecticut, and held almost every office of honor and trust in the town. Several times he acted as representative to the general court at Hartford. He was made a sergeant in 1673 and at the time of King Philip's war was a member of the vigilance committee.

Cornelia Doolittle was descended from Daniel Cone, who was probably the emigrant. The first mention of Daniel Cone in this country that has been found is in 1657. He was one of the founders of Haddam, Connecticut. Lieu-

tenant James Cone of East Haddam, Connecticut, the great-great-grandfather of Cornelia Doolittle, served under Sir William Pepperill in 1745. He was a member of the legislature of the colony from 1747 until 1749. The great-grandfather of Cornelia Doolittle was Sylvanus Cone, who participated in the French and Indian wars and also in the Revolutionary war, being a minute-man at Bunker Hill. Hannah (Cone) Doolittle, the mother of Cornelia Doolittle, was born in Westmoreland township, Oneida county, New York. Cornelia Doolittle had some Scottish ancestry. She lived in the Hampton village of New York from the time she was about a year old until her marriage except that after the death of her mother, in 1834, her father resided in Plymouth Connecticut, for a few years. She attended the Ladies' Seminary at Utica, New York, and subsequently taught public and private schools. She also sang in the church choir.

James F. Bailey, whose name introduces this review, left Westmoreland in 1853 and took up his abode in the vicinity of Auburn, New York. He and some of his brothers were planning to move farther west where they could obtain more land and they wished to find a place where their children would have good educational advantages. Happening to notice Mr. Grinnell's article in the New York Independent with reference to the new colony to be founded in the west, they wrote to Mr. Grinnell making inquiries. James F. Bailey came to Grinnell, Iowa, in October, 1854, and in February, 1856, went back to Auburn, New York, for his wife and children, with whom he returned to Grinnell in the following May. When the question arose of increasing the price paid for the land on condition that the college should be located in Grinnell within a certain time, he voted for the increase and cheerfully paid the increased price on his land. Not a few students were helped by the opportunities he gave them to work for their board and room. On first coming to Grinnell he brought with him a horse power sawmill, setting it up near the present site of the Colonial. While sawing the second board the mill broke. He and his brother John then went to Muscatine and purchased a steam engine. Bringing the boiler here was a very difficult task, as the roads were poor and the sloughs unbridged. They now had a good saw and grist mill combined, located on what is at present block 4 of Bailey's Addition. Coal could not be obtained and they were obliged to haul all of the fuel for the mill a distance of seven miles from their timber land in Rock Creek, Jasper county. They sawed some of the lumber for the first schoolhouse and also for some of the first dwellings. James F. Bailey assisted in the erection of some of the first houses. He conducted the mill for eight or ten years and during this period had brought his farm under cultivation, eventually becoming a prosperous farmer and stock-raiser. His house was a station on the "underground railroad" for escaped slaves and with his team he carried a number of John Brown's party to the next station. He was one of those who stood guard on the night of the "Sugar Creek" war. Some time later, on his way to the coal banks, he fell in with some of the participants in that skirmish, who declared lustily that they would yet wipe out every abolitionist. Upon being told that he was an abolitionist and that they might wipe him out, they concluded they were not ready. He welcomed the coming of the Rock Island



Railroad, for he knew what it was to haul wheat forty miles to Marengo and sell it for thirty-five cents per bushel. He gave three hundred dollars in labor and money to help build the Iowa Central Railroad. He was one of the stock holders of the land company for the Benzonia (Michigan) colony and at one time owned four hundred acres of land there. He was a member of the Grange and a stockholder in the Grange store. His political allegiance was given to the republican party, while in religious faith he was a Congregationalist. He was, moreover, a strong temperance man and advocated the suppression of the liquor traffic. He won a host of friends and had a wide acquaintance in all the surrounding country.

James F. Bailey lived in several different houses in Grinnell. In April, 1864, he moved to the corner of his farm west of West street and north of Eleventh avenue, where he resided until his death. At the time of his demise he owned two hundred and forty acres of land, a part of which was afterward platted by his children and called Bailey's Addition. Another portion was platted by his daughter, Mrs. Joanna (Bailey) Baggs, and called Baggs' Addition. Mr. Bailey died on the 1st of February, 1888, and was buried in the southwest corner of lot 67, Hazelwood cemetery, Grinnell. His wife, Cornelia (Doolittle) Bailey, died in Grinnell on the 9th of January, 1893, and was buried beside him. They had seven children, six daughters and one son, four of whom were born in New York and three in Grinnell. Joanna Elizabeth, who was graduated from Iowa College of Grinnell in 1868, married George Thomas Baggs on the 31st of May, 1877, and is still a resident of Grinnell. Mary Irene died at the age of two years. Ella Cornelia gave her hand in marriage to Elmore Chapman Read on the 27th of May, 1872, and makes her home at Parsons, Kansas. Irene Conklin, who was an artist, passed away on the 24th of August, 1877, when twenty-three years of age. Gertrude Laurinda, who was graduated from Iowa College in 1879, resides at Grinnell. Jennie, who completed her course in Iowa College in 1883, also makes her home in Grinnell. William Doolittle was graduated from Iowa College of Grinnell in 1891 and from the law department of Yale University at New Haven, Connecticut, in 1893. He is now a member of the law firm of Washburn, Bailey & Mitchell of Duluth, Minnesota, and has an immense practice. On the 12th of June, 1901, he wedded Miss Ora Ida Gridley.

Four of the brothers of James F. Bailey lived in Grinnell for a time. John Bailey came from Auburn, New York, to Grinnell in June, 1854, and went to Glen Arbor, Michigan, in the fall of 1857. Rev. Charles Eliphalet Bailey came from Weymouth, Ohio, to Grinnell in the fall of 1856. While in Weymouth he had conceived the idea of founding a Christian colony and a Christian college in the west. In November, 1857, he was preaching at Ontario, Illinois. In October, 1858, Rev. Charles E. Bailey, John Bailey, Horace Burr and Mr. Wolcott founded Benzonia, Michigan, and a college was chartered in 1862. Horace Clark Bailey lived in Grinnell several months in the summer and fall of 1857. He went to Glen Arbor, Michigan, in the fall of 1857, intending to help his brothers found a new colony, but died in Glen Arbor on the 11th of June, 1858. Lorenzo Bailey came from Auburn, New York, to Grinnell in May, 1856, and removed to Benzonia, Michigan, in 1866.

Two cousins of James F. Bailey, brothers, lived in Grinnell a few years and died in this city. Edwin S. Bailey, who came to Grinnell from Antwerp, New York, in the fall of 1855, conducted a store and passed away on the 23d of March, 1864. Alfred Bailey came from Antwerp, New York, to Grinnell in the fall of 1856. He conducted a hotel on the corner west of Main street and south of Fifth avenue, which was named the Bailey House. His demise occurred on the 26th of March, 1858.

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### CHARLES JACOB SANDERS.

Charles Jacob Sanders may truly be termed a self-made man, for he started out in life empty-handed and today owns valuable farm property of one hundred and sixty-three acres, located on section 6, Pleasant township. He was born in Trumbull county, Ohio, April 30, 1850, a son of Henry and Hettie (Smith) Sanders, who were both natives of Pennsylvania but were married in Ohio. In 1855 they journeyed westward, settling in Poweshiek county, Iowa, and here they remained until 1858, when they removed to Dallas county, Texas, and there the father died in 1860 at the age of fifty years. Following his demise, the mother and her family returned to Poweshiek county, arriving here in the fall of 1861. They had a long and arduous journey, driving through with a wagon drawn by two yoke of oxen, and our subject walked much of the distance. In passing through the state of Missouri they came in contact with the guerrillas, who were engaged in warfare, but eventually they reached their destination in safety. The family located at Deep River in Poweshiek county but after a few years, in 1865, the mother returned to her old home in Crawford county, Pennsylvania, and was there married a second time, her union being with Henry Wolf. She once more returned with her husband to Poweshiek county and died here in 1888, having reached the advanced age of eighty-two years. By her marriage to Mr. Sanders she had become the mother of ten children, nine of whom grew to years of maturity and are as follows: Harrison, of Montezuma; Frank, who served for three years as a member of the Tenth Iowa Infantry and is now deceased; William, who served three and a half years in the Civil war as a member of the Fourth Iowa Infantry and is now residing in Deep River; Rachel; Mrs. Mary Ann Stonebocher, deceased; Mrs. Eliza Smith, of Searsboro; Daniel M., who served for one hundred days in the Civil war and is now a resident of New York; Charles J., of this review; and Mrs. Rosanna Mulhollan, deceased.

Charles J. Sanders, of this review, accompanied his parents on their various removals and was a lad of eleven years when he returned with his mother to Poweshiek county from Texas. He remained in this county until he had attained his majority, when he went to Ohio and was there married in 1871. He spent eight years in the Buckeye state, during which time he was engaged in farming a part of the time, while the remainder of his time was given to the oil business. In 1878 he returned once more to Poweshiek county and for fourteen years farmed rented land in various localities. In 1891 he bought

his present home farm, consisting of one hundred and sixty-three acres on section 6, Pleasant township. He has made most of the improvements on this place, which has added much to its value, being worth today two hundred dollars per acre. He was actively engaged in the operation of this farm until February, 1908, when he rented the land to his son.

As above stated, Mr. Sanders was married in Ohio in 1871, the lady of his choice being Miss Susan Virginia Campbell, who was born in Rockbridge county, Virginia, May 22, 1853, and died in Poweshiek county, December 15, 1903, at the age of fifty years. Her parents, Charles and Mary (Beaty) Campbell, were likewise natives of Virginia. The father died in Greene county, Ohio, but the mother still survives and makes her home in Kansas. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Sanders was blessed with five children. William Monroe died when seventeen months old. Lydia May died at the age of eleven months. Rose Belle is the wife of Willis Martz, a resident of Grinnell township. Charles H. makes his home in Malcom township. He wedded Miss Rachel Wright and served for a year and a half in the Spanish-American war. James Franklin is living on the home farm. He was married, January 23, 1910, to Miss Gertie Wright, a daughter of William Wright of Montezuma and a sister of Mrs. Charles H. Sanders.

Mr. Sanders formerly gave his political allegiance to the republican party but now votes independently. He has held various township offices and in all public movements has exerted immeasurable influence in his home locality. He is a member of the Christian church and his life is in harmony with his professions. He encountered many difficulties and obstacles in his early career but has overcome all these and worked his way upward to success, so that today he stands among the well-to-do and prominent citizens of his section of the county.

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### WILLIAM JOHN COX.

A well tilled and highly cultivated farm of two hundred and twenty-four acres in Union township pays tribute to the agricultural skill of William John Cox, who is engaged in general farming and stock-raising. He was born in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, on the 5th of April, 1851, and is a son of Hiram and Nancy (Wright) Cox, both natives of the Keystone state. The father, who was born in Westmoreland county, was a carpenter by trade. He came to Iowa in 1865, locating in Poweshiek county. Upon his arrival here he first bought a farm in Jackson township, which he cultivated for a time, but later disposed of it and purchased other land in Sugar Creek township, in the operation of which he engaged until his retirement to New Sharon, Mahaska county, where he later passed away. The mother, also died in New Sharon. Unto them were born six children: Joseph L., who is a resident of Searsboro, Iowa; Alexander R., a resident of Montezuma, Iowa; Sarah E., deceased; William John, our subject; Hiram Zenas, who is living in Oskaloosa; and Nancy Jane, the wife of Charles Bogard, of Oskaloosa. The family attended the services of the Pres-



byterian church. In politics Mr. Cox was always an ardent democrat and served as school director in his district.

As William John Cox was fourteen years of age when his parents settled in Poweshiek county his education was largely acquired in the common schools of Pennsylvania. After laying aside his text-books he assisted in the cultivation of the home farm until he had attained his majority. In 1872 he rented the homestead from his father and for a year thereafter engaged in its cultivation. He subsequently went to Nemaha county, Kansas, where he resided for five years going from there to Nebraska. In the latter state he filed upon a homestead, which he cultivated for a time, and then disposed of it and returned to Iowa, purchasing a farm in Union township, this county, upon which he has ever since continued to reside. He now owns two hundred and twenty-four acres of land, upon which he engages in general farming, making a specialty of raising high grade stock, particularly thoroughbred horses. Mr. Cox has met with success in his ventures and owns one of the highly improved and well stocked farms of the township.

In 1875 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Cox and Miss Amanda M. McFarlin, a daughter of Perry and Nancy (Kemp) McFarlin, of Sugar Creek township, and they have become the parents of two sons and three daughters, the order of their birth being as follows: Harvey H., who is a resident of Union township; Rose, the wife of Charles A. White, of Sugar Creek township; Essie, the wife of George Sheehe, of Mahaska county, Iowa; Verde M., the wife of Guy Hildebrant, of Union township; and Joy L., who is at home.

Ever since attaining his majority Mr. Cox has given his political support to the candidates of the democratic party but has never held any official position save that of school director. A capable business man as well as agriculturist, Mr. Cox has so intelligently directed his activities during the period of his residence in Union township that he is now recognized as one of the substantial citizens of the community in which he resides.

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#### GEORGE L. MILES.

George L. Miles, one of the leading and respected citizens of Grinnell, is extensively engaged in the hardware business and is also prominently identified with financial interests as the president of the Grinnell Savings Bank. His birth occurred in Steuben county, New York, on the 15th of April, 1858, his parents being William and Nancy A. (Parker) Miles, who were born, reared and married in that county. The year 1866 witnessed their removal westward to Princeton, Illinois. William Miles had become familiar with the lumber business in early life, rafting logs down the river as a boy. After locating in Princeton he embarked in the retail lumber business and acquired and worked extensive pine forests in Michigan. He became a very successful man, accumulating much land and also becoming connected with banking interests. He supported the republican party and, while in no sense a politician, was a recognized factor in local politics, holding the various town offices. His demise oc-



curred in Princeton in 1898, while his wife was called to her final rest two years later.

George L. Miles was reared under the parental roof and supplemented his preliminary education by a course of study in the Princeton high school. His ambition as a boy was to become a farmer and when a youth of nineteen he went to western Iowa, locating in Pottawattamie county, where his father owned fourteen hundred acres of land and where he devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits for nine years. After abandoning farming pursuits he turned his attention to the hardware business in Tipton, Iowa, being thus prominently identified with the mercantile interests of the town for seven years. During this period he became interested in the Tipton Savings Bank and was chosen vice president of the institution. In 1894 he came to Grinnell and established himself in business as a hardware dealer, the enterprise having since grown to extensive and profitable proportions. Subsequently he became identified with the Grinnell Savings Bank and was made president of the institution. He is an able officer as well as enterprising merchant and in the control of his business affairs has displayed excellent management and keen discernment.

In 1882 Mr. Miles was united in marriage to Miss Flora Priestley, her father being Charles M. Priestley, a prominent hardware dealer of Princeton, Illinois. Unto our subject and his wife have been born two children, namely: Louise Beach, of Aledo, Illinois, who is the wife of Glenn Clark, a professor in William & Vashti College; and Rosella May, who is employed as a bookkeeper by her father. Both daughters graduated from Iowa College with the class of 1906.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Miles has supported the men and measures of the republican party, believing that its principles are most conducive to good government. He served as a member of the town council and of the school board while a resident of Tipton but has refused political preferment in Grinnell. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to Grinnell Lodge, No. 358. No breath of suspicion has ever assailed his good name and on the contrary he stands as a splendid type of the honorable, reliable, successful man, the public-spirited citizen and the trustworthy friend.

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#### EDWIN DARE.

Edwin Dare, whose farm in section 24, Chester township, gives evidence of careful cultivation and liberal returns each year, is a native of Dorsetshire, England, and was born April 16, 1869. He is a son of John and Sarah (Bus sell) Dare, both natives of England. The father learned the miller's trade but later devoted his attention to farming, continuing during his entire life in the old country. He died in 1905, but the mother is now living with a son in England.

Edwin Dare was the fourth in order of birth in a family of seven children. He received a common school education and for three years lived with an uncle.

at the end of which time, being then twenty years of age, he came to America, arriving in Chester township, Poweshiek county, in 1889. He worked for eight years as a farm laborer by the month and then rented a place of a Mr. Forehand at Chester Center, upon which he continued for two years. At the end of the time named he rented land in section 24, Chester township, which he purchased in the fall of 1902 from George Rutherford. His farm comprises one hundred and sixty acres and in many respects he has added to its appearance, making it a very desirable property. He raises feed for cattle and hogs, which he usually delivers to the market in excellent condition, thus commanding the highest prices.

On the 17th of March, 1897, Mr. Dare was married at Chester Center to Miss Minnie Warren, who was born in England, a daughter of Walter and Frances (Green) Warren, who are identified with agricultural interests in their native country, Mr. Warren being a farmer and dairyman. The parents are both still living but have never visited America. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Dare: Arthur E., Mildred, George W., Ada F. and Harlan Charles. These children have all possessed excellent advantages in the way of educational facilities.

Mr. Dare is a member of the Congregational church at Chester Center and in politics gives his support to the republican party. He has not held any public office save that of member of the school board. He has never looked to luck or chance for his fortune, but by steady, persistent application has won a competency for himself and family from the soil. He is deeply interested in the progress of the community and has labored earnestly for the public good, never seeking to advance his own welfare to the injury of others.

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### JOHN SCHMITZ.

One of the thrifty and energetic Germans who are now numbered among Poweshiek county's successful farmers is John Schmitz, who owns two hundred and seventy acres of excellent land in Grinnell township. He was born in Germany on the 27th of March, 1852, a son of Emery and Margaret (Dahm) Schmitz, who spent their entire lives in their native land, where the father engaged in teaching and farming. For many years he taught in Onhoven, in which village he was born and where he passed away in 1857.

The common schools of his native land provided John Schmitz with his education, and after laying aside his school books he worked out until he was nineteen years of age. Having decided at the expiration of that time that better advantages must be available for energetic young men in the United States, he took passage for America, landing in New York in April, 1871. From there he made his way directly to Brooklyn, this county, where he worked for a year and then came to Washington township, where he was employed by "Uncle" Johnny Brom for a year. Being very thrifty, he had carefully saved a portion of each month's salary until he had acquired sufficient capital to enable him to buy a farm, and then purchased sixty-five acres in Washington township, adding



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to his original tract forty acres at one time and fifteen at another, making the aggregate of his holdings one hundred and twenty acres. In 1879 he removed to Grinnell township and in 1902 he bought his present farm of two hundred and seventy acres in Grinnell township. Here he engages in general farming and stock-raising and makes a specialty of Poland China hogs and Hereford cattle, in which he is meeting with most gratifying success.

On February 18, 1879, Mr. Schmitz was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Hertzell, who was born January 19, 1848, in Germany, from which country she emigrated to the United States with friends. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Schmitz: Mary, the wife of Henry Schmidt, of Washington township; Emery, who married Anna Flannigan and has one child, and is living one mile west of the home place; and Eliza, John and Francis, all of whom are at home with their father. The family are communicants of the Roman Catholic church of Grinnell.

Ever since acquiring the full rights of citizenship Mr. Schmitz has given his political support to the democratic party, but he has always been too absorbed in his private affairs to aspire to a public office, so does not actively participate in local governmental matters. He has clearly demonstrated by his life that success invariably awaits him who has the patience, perseverance and determination to conquer conditions.

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#### HERBERT WESTON SOMERS.

Herbert Weston Somers, who has held the dual position of business manager and secretary of Grinnell College since the 1st of September, 1907, is one of the representative and highly respected residents of this city. His birth occurred in Barnet, Vermont, on the 31st of May, 1857, his parents being John S. and Mary L. Somers, who were likewise natives of that state and came of Scotch ancestry. They removed to Marshall county, Iowa, in 1864 and continued to reside on a farm in that county until 1891, when they took up their abode in Rapid City, South Dakota, both passing away there in January, 1898. They were consistent and devoted members of the Congregational church.

Herbert W. Somers obtained his early education in a country school of Marshall county, Iowa, subsequently attended Grinnell Academy and then entered Grinnell College, from which institution he was graduated with the "cyclone class" of 1882—the year of the cyclone in Grinnell. Grinnell College has conferred upon him the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts. He was reared on a farm and when not in school spent all his time there until he had graduated from college. During his junior year in Grinnell College he taught a country school in Marshall county throughout one winter term, at the same time keeping up his own studies. Following his graduation he became identified with educational interests as superintendent of the city schools of Rapid City, South Dakota, serving in that capacity from 1882 until 1885. During this period he spent two summer vacations of three months each as traveling salesman for the Morrison Glove Manufacturing Company of Grinnell.

nell. In October, 1885, he began work in the First National Bank of Rapid City, South Dakota, and in January, 1898, was elected cashier of the institution, resigning in 1907 to accept a call from the trustees of Grinnell College to act as their business manager and secretary. Since the 1st of September, 1907, he has ably discharged the duties devolving upon him in this connection, his excellent executive ability and sound judgment proving potent factors in the successful control of the institution. He was formerly a stockholder and director in the First National Bank of Rapid City and also owned a fourth interest in the stock of the Rapid City Electric Light Company, serving as business manager, secretary and treasurer of the latter concern for eighteen years. He likewise acquired considerable real estate in Rapid City but has disposed of most of it since coming to Grinnell. He has invested in Florida lands to some extent and now owns a fine home at No. 1018 Broad street in Grinnell. Since January, 1910, he has been a director of the Merchants National Bank of Grinnell.

On the 13th of June, 1888, at Jacksonville, Illinois, Mr. Somers was united in marriage to Miss Nellie May Van Zandt, a native of that place. She is a graduate of The Athenaeum a ladies' seminary of Jacksonville, and also pursued a vocal course. Mr. and Mrs. Somers have three children, as follows: Leslie V., who was born in 1890 and is a senior in Grinnell College; Helen M., born in 1891, who is a sophomore in Grinnell College; and Paul W., whose natal year was 1895 and who is a high school student.

Mr. Somers is a staunch republican in politics and while a resident of Rapid City served on the school board from 1885 until 1890. He was connected with the Ancient Order of United Workmen while living there and joined the Commercial Clubs in both Rapid City and Grinnell. In early life he became a member of the Congregational church at Green Mountain, Marshall county, Iowa, and later joined the church of that denomination in Rapid City, South Dakota, serving as one of its trustees for several years and also acting as Sunday school superintendent from 1884 until 1904. After coming to Grinnell he joined the Congregational church here and has been a deacon since 1910. In manner modest and retiring, free from self-laudation, he is best appreciated by those who know him intimately, and his friendship is greatly prized by those who come within the close circle of his intimate acquaintance.

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### JOHN W. SAWYER.

From an outlook which it has required three-quarters of a century to attain John W. Sawyer, of Grinnell, reviews in moments of reminiscence many interesting scenes and incidents of his life. A native of New England he traces his descent to worthy ancestry, whose characteristics of grit and perseverance he clearly inherited. He remained in the east until middle life, but has spent thirty-seven years in Iowa and has been an interested witness of the marvelous growth of this state as it has taken its place well toward the top of the column as one of the most wealthy and progressive commonwealths of the Union. He was

born in May, 1836, in Vermont, and is a son of Calvin and Fannie (Hatch) Sawyer. The parents were both born in Connecticut, the father in 1793 and the mother in 1797. They removed to Vermont, where Mr. Sawyer engaged in farming and lived for more than fifty years on the old homestead. He died in 1883, his wife having been called away four years earlier.

John W. Sawyer acquired his early education in the district schools and after leaving school was apprenticed to the harness-maker's trade, working for the first three years for the meager compensation of ninety dollars and board. He continued in the harness business in Vermont until 1874 and then came with his family to Grinnell, Iowa, where he engaged in clerking in a dry-goods store. Being a man of good address and genial social disposition, he made many friends and in 1878 was elected marshal and street commissioner. He resigned from his position in the store and served for a number of years as a public officer. He also became connected with the coal business and for twenty-five years was identified with the Grinnell Fuel Company. In 1905 he gave up business concerns and is now happy in the serenity of a retired life in the city of his adoption.

On the 20th of November, 1860, Mr. Sawyer, in Hartland, Vermont, was united in marriage to Miss Sarah G. Short, a daughter of Benjamin Short, of Hartland. Two children have blessed this union: Ida Louise, who lives in Chicago; and Carroll E., who is married and now lives in Oskaloosa, Iowa, being manager of a branch of the Western Grocers' Company. Mr. Sawyer has, ever since he reached his majority, taken the interest of a patriotic citizen in supporting the men and measures that seem to him most essential in promoting the general welfare. As a public official and in private business he always aimed to be just and true to his highest sense of right, and the respect in which he is held in a community where he has long been a resident is the best evidence of his personal worth. He has a host of friends, who sincerely wish that he may enjoy for many years to come abundant health and prosperity.

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#### ALEXANDER H. SMITH.

One of the finely improved farms of Jackson township stands as a monument to a life of activity and enterprise on the part of Alexander H. Smith who, starting out in life without any special advantages, has attained to his present position of prosperity through his own efforts. Born in Morgan county, Ohio, on the 26th of July, 1847, he is a son of Solomon and Lethinda (Newman) Smith, both natives of Ohio. Their entire lives were passed in the Buckeye state, where the father followed the blacksmith's trade throughout his active career. Their family consisted of five children, of whom our subject was the first in order of birth. The others were: Harrison, residing in Des Moines; J. A., of Harlan, Iowa; J. B., who passed away at Mount Pleasant, Iowa; and Susanna, the wife of Frank Cunningham, of Pittsburg, Kansas.

The period of his boyhood and youth were spent by Alexander H. Smith in the home of his parents, with whom he remained until he had reached the age of eighteen years, when, in March, 1865, he made his way to Bushnell, Illinois,



where he was employed as a farm hand for two years. He then came to Poweshiek county, Iowa, in 1867, and for a similar period was engaged at farm work by the month. The money which he had been able to accumulate then made it possible for him to rent a farm, and for a time he operated a tract of eighty acres located in Jackson township. It was not long before he was able to purchase a farm of his own, and he invested in his present place, consisting of three hundred and twenty acres on sections 3 and 4, Jackson township. Since that time he has given much of his time to the further development of this property, which is now a well improved tract, equipped with good barns and outbuildings, with neat fences and all of the modern accessories for facilitating farm labor. In 1910 he erected his present fine nine-room dwelling, supplied with all modern conveniences including water and gas systems. Much of his attention is given also to his stock-raising interests, for he is an extensive breeder of high grade stock, making a specialty of shorthorn cattle and Shire horses, also Morgan horses and Duroc Jersey hogs. He is prominently known throughout the neighborhood for the excellence of his stock, and his efforts in this direction have done much toward sustaining the high standard of stock in Poweshiek county. Aside from his home place, Mr. Smith is also interested in a half section of land in the Panhandle of Texas in connection with his son.

On the 2d of April, 1874, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Searight, who was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, August 28, 1847, and with her parents came to Iowa in 1862. She is a daughter of John F. and Harriet Ann (Stevens) Searight, natives of Pennsylvania and Maryland respectively. Both passed away in Montezuma, where the father was engaged at the tailor trade. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Smith have been born five children, namely: Hattie L., the wife of Benjamin J. Farmer, of Pleasant township; John H., of Jackson township, operating his father's farm and residing upon a portion of it; Mary, who married John W. Johnston, of Deep River; the Rev. Frederick A., pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church at Oxford, Iowa; and Katharine, now in her senior year at Mount Pleasant College.

The religious faith of Mr. Smith is indicated by his membership in the Christian church of Montezuma, while his political allegiance is given to the republican party. He early learned the lesson that success must be purchased at the price of earnest, well defined labor, and as the years have gone by perseverance, diligence and integrity have constituted the guiding posts of life, bringing him to the honorable position which he now occupies in the opinion of his fellow citizens, among whom he has long lived and labored.

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### JOHN W. ROSE.

On the roster of county officials appears the name of John W. Rose, who for the fourth time has been elected to the office of county auditor. He was born in Guernsey county, Ohio, November 8, 1855, and is a son of Thompson and Susanna (Lowe) Rose, who were also natives of the Buckeye state and there resided until their removal westward to Poweshiek county, Iowa, in 1882.



They are now living at Belle Plaine, this state, and the father has retired from farm life, to which he devoted many years. He has served as street commissioner of Belle Plaine for a number of years and is a respected and worthy citizen of that community.

John W. Rose is the eldest of a family of two sons and eight daughters all of whom are yet living. He resided at his birthplace until he came to this county, in 1876, and within its borders he has since lived covering a period of thirty-five years. He has worked at the carpenter's trade and has engaged in general agricultural pursuits but put aside business interests of that character to enter upon the duties of county auditor to which he was elected in 1904. He discharged his duties with such ability and fidelity during his first term that he was reelected in 1906, again was the popular choice in 1908, and for a third time was chosen for the office in 1910. At each election he has been the candidate of the republican party of which he has been a lifelong supporter. He has done active work in the party ranks and for a number of years served as a member of the county central committee. He has also held other public positions, serving in most of the township offices, and was assessor of his township for thirteen consecutive years before he was elected county auditor. He still owns a good farm of eighty-seven acres situated in Lincoln township.

In 1876 Mr. Rose was united in marriage to Miss Sarah J. Henderson, who was born in the same township, in Guernsey county, Ohio, as was her husband, her natal year being 1848. She is a daughter of John L. Henderson and by her marriage she has become the mother of four children: Minnie, the wife of H. L. Shrader, of Lincoln township; Earl F., who is married and resides upon his father's farm; Clarence W., who is married and lives in Grinnell; and Elsie, at home.

Fraternally Mr. Rose belongs to Lafayette Lodge, No. 52, A. F. & A. M., of Montezuma, also the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen camp. In Ohio he became a member of the United Presbyterian church and when he came to Iowa united with a congregation of the same denomination at Guernsey. His labors in behalf of the church have been far-reaching and effective and at all times his aid is to be counted upon when a question of truth and right is involved.

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### L. P. RAYMOND.

L. P. Raymond, who is numbered among Malcom's native sons, is a representative of a well known family whose name was for a long period closely and prominently identified with banking interests in this community. He was born December 19, 1877, his parents being E. P. and Lizzie (Reedy) Raymond, natives of Vermont and Tama county, Iowa, respectively. The former was the only child of P. P. Raymond, who was also born in Vermont and came to Poweshiek county when his son was but two years of age. Locating in Malcom, he established the private bank of P. P. Raymond & Son, the first and only bank of Malcom, now conducted under the name of the Malcom Savings Bank. E. P. Raymond was

very active in the conduct of the business, his father giving his attention entirely to the loan department of the institution, and continued in the management of the business for many years, or until the incorporation of the concern as the Malcom Savings Bank at which time P. P. Raymond & Son disposed of their interests therein. E. P. Raymond was also interested in agricultural pursuits in Poweshiek county for a number of years and in 1904 went to Missouri. For the past three years, however, he has been engaged in the real-estate business in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in which line of activity he is meeting with gratifying success.

L. P. Raymond, whose name introduces this review, was the eldest of three children, the other two, Edna Ruth and Victor Rex, still making their home with their parents. He acquired his education in the common schools of this community and for a time assisted his father in the conduct of his agricultural interests. He made his home in Malcom township until 1901, when he went to Texas and took up his abode on a ranch which he had purchased in Dallam county. He remained there for three years, after which he sold out and went to Paris, Missouri, where he farmed for a similar period. The following year was spent with his parents in Minneapolis, after which he returned to Poweshiek county, in 1907, since which time he has continuously given his attention to agricultural pursuits on a farm which he purchased from his father. It is a tract of one hundred and sixty acres located on section 23, about a half mile north of Malcom, which has been in the Raymond family for about twenty years. It is a highly developed property, all modern improvements having been made upon it by Mr. Raymond's father. He engages in general farming and stock-raising and conducts his affairs in accordance with the most practical and up-to-date methods. He possesses good business ability, and his keen discrimination and close application to his interests have been potent elements in the acquirement of a most enviable degree of prosperity.

In 1898 Mr. Raymond was united in marriage to Miss Nellie May Martin, who was born in Malcom, December 21, 1880, a daughter of B. B. Martin, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume. With the exception of seven years Mr. Raymond has made his home in the vicinity of Malcom and he has a wide circle of friends in this community, which is almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintances. He is now in the very prime of young manhood, and the characteristics which he has displayed in the conduct of his business affairs and in private life are such as augur a bright future and speak for upright manhood and desirable citizenship.

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#### B. F. BROWNELL.

B. F. Brownell, who owns a productive farm of eighty acres in Grinnell township, is one of the well known residents of the county, having arrived here forty-four years ago. He is a native of Delaware county, New York, born March 29, 1832, and is a son of Benjamin Ferris and Jane (Rickey) Brownell, both of whom were born in New York state. The paternal grandfather was a patriot of the Revolutionary war. He was paid off in colonial money, which proved to be

worthless, but he never regretted the part he took in the establishment of the great American republic. B. Ferris Brownell, the father of our subject, was by trade a blacksmith. He removed with his family in 1840 to Pike county, Illinois, and died in that state at the age of eighty-four years, Mrs. Brownell being called away a week later. There were nine children in their family: Newton and Bela, both of whom are deceased; James; Jane; Wesley; B. F., of this review; Hector and Elbert, both deceased; and Caroline, who is living in Pike county, Illinois.

B. F. Brownell received his early education in the subscription schools. He early learned the importance and value of labor, and after his marriage engaged in farming on his own account in Illinois. In 1867 he came to Iowa and cultivated a farm in Chester township, Poweshiek county, for twenty years. He then located on a place in Grinnell township, but after six years returned to Chester township, where he continued as a farmer for three years. At the end of that time he took up his residence at Lynnvile, where he spent five years, after which he took up his present location, his farm yielding an income that enables him to live comfortably in his declining years. Formerly he gave considerable attention to raising shorthorn cattle and he also fed stock for the market. During recent years he has lived retired.

In 1855, in Pike county, Illinois, Mr. Brownell was married to Miss Jane Shipman, a daughter of Reuben Shipman, a well known farmer of the county. Five children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Brownell: Clarissa Jane, who is living at home; Caroline, who is now a widow, living in Washington township, and has two children, George and Jessie; George, who died in infancy; Curtis, now a blacksmith of Grinnell, who is married and has two children, Mary and Ruth; and Alice, who died in infancy. Mrs. Brownell died in 1895. She was a devoted wife and mother and her departure was deeply mourned by her husband and children and sincerely regretted by a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

Mr. Brownell in religious belief adheres to the Methodist church. Having observed the evil effects of the liquor traffic he has given his political support to the prohibition party. He has now reached the venerable age of seventy-nine years and the labors of the farm have been delegated to younger men. Throughout his life he has been actuated by high and worthy aims, and he receives his reward in the esteem in which he is held by the entire community, of which he has so long been an honored resident.

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#### GEORGE G. PEARCE.

The owner of a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Washington township, George G. Pearce is a representative agriculturist of Poweshiek county. He was born in Grinnell township, January 27, 1866, and is a son of William Cyrenus and Mathilda Grant (Brown) Pearce, a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work.

Mr. Pearce, of this review, received his preliminary education in the district schools of Grinnell township and later attended the public schools of Grinnell. He worked for his father on the home farm and then rented land in Grinnell

township for nine years. At the end of this time he decided to see the great west and went to the state of Washington, spending one year in Tacoma, and three years in the hardware store of an uncle at Yakima. Believing that a more favorable opening was presented in his native county than he could find in the northwest, and having also made up his mind to reengage in agricultural pursuits, he returned to Poweshiek county and again cultivated rented land. In 1902 he purchased one hundred and sixty acres in Washington township, which he has improved by the erection of buildings, fences, and setting out of shade and ornamental trees, making it a highly desirable property. He devotes special attention to raising and marketing cattle, hogs and sheep, and his labors have met with an abundant measure of reward. He has won a creditable position and enjoys the confidence and respect of his fellowmen.

On the 20th of March, 1895, Mr. Pearce was married to Miss Catherine Maxwell, born March 29, 1870, in Henry county, Illinois, a daughter of John A. and Louisa A. (Bick) Maxwell. The father was born in Henry county, Illinois, January 9, 1849, and the mother near Columbus, Ohio, January 20, 1851. They came west to Missouri, where Mr. Maxwell engaged in farming for three years, at the end of which time he brought his family to Poweshiek county and from 1875 to 1906 rented land in this county. In the latter year he purchased a farm at Malcom and engaged in general farming. He is an ardent adherent of the democratic party and a leader in politics in his part of the county, being at the present time mayor of Malcom. He has also served as justice of the peace and assessor of Malcom township. He is identified with the Masonic order and the Knights of Pythias and his wife is a member of the Congregational church. Six children were born to the union of Mr. and Mrs. Pearce: Herbert W., who was born August 28, 1897; Alice M., born May 10, 1899; Helen M., born March 14, 1901; George Wendell, born March 2, 1903; Leonard M., born May 4, 1906; and Harold Grant, born May 3, 1911.

In politics Mr. Pearce is independent and therefore is not affiliated with any of the political organizations. He has served two terms very acceptably as member of the school board, and the confidence of his friends and neighbors is indicated by his election as justice of the peace, which office he now holds. He is not connected with any religious denomination, but his wife is a member of the Congregational church. He has had wide experience in life and, being a man of good powers of observation and reflection, he learned many useful lessons which he has been able to apply practically. He ranks today as one of the best and most popular citizens of Washington township.

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#### WILLIAM PROSSER.

At the venerable age of eighty-nine years, William Prosser, of Washington township, is living in honorable retirement upon his farm. He is one of the most interesting pioneers to be met with in the state of Iowa. His eyes first rested on Poweshiek county in 1848—sixty-three years ago—when there were comparatively few settlers in the county and the great west was largely a wilder-







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ness untrodden by white men. He participated in the gold excitement and joined the tens of thousands that braved the hardships of the deserts and mountains, and the greater danger from attacks of hostile Indians, and for several years on the Pacific coast he witnessed the memorable scenes coincident with the establishment of the early mining camps. Returning to Iowa, he established his home in Poweshiek county, and today is the owner of one of the valuable farms in the county.

He is a native of Richland county, Ohio, and was born November 25, 1821, a son of William and Catherine (Dempsey) Prosser, both of whom were born in Pennsylvania. The father removed with the family to Brown county, Indiana, and engaged in farming, and later continued in the same occupation in Morgan county, Illinois. In the spring of 1848 he arrived with his family in Poweshiek county, where he and his wife spent the remaining years of their lives. They were both members of the Presbyterian church. In politics Mr. Prosser adhered to the democratic party. He was a patriotic man and served as a private in the war of 1812, enlisting from Pennsylvania. Of the seven children reared at the fireside of Mr. and Mrs. Prosser, William, of this review, is the only survivor. The others were Polly, Margaret, Daniel, Isaac, George and Rachel.

William Prosser received his preliminary education in the district schools of Ohio and Indiana. At the age of twenty-one he began working for wages in Indiana, and continued as a wage earner in Illinois. In 1848, being then twenty-seven years of age, he came to Poweshiek county and took up government land which he later sold. In 1851 he yielded to the gold fever excitement and crossed the plains to California, where he spent four years in quest of the yellow metal. He met with many adventures and with many strange characters, who were attracted there from all parts of the world by the lure of wealth. The dreams of the great majority of the vast throng never became realized, and thousands of the weary wanderers were buried in unknown graves on the mountains and in the plains. Mr. Prosser met with a measure of success and, in 1855, he returned to Poweshiek county and purchased three hundred and twenty acres of land, upon which he established his homestead. As the years advanced he bought more land, until he became the owner of eight hundred and twelve acres, all of which is well improved. He has followed general farming, also raising and feeding stock upon an extensive scale. He now lives at ease, the labors of the farm having been given over to younger shoulders.

On the 16th of April, 1858, Mr. Prosser was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Jenkins, who was born June 3, 1832, in West Virginia and is a daughter of Thomas and Nancy (Stafford) Jenkins. The parents were both born in West Virginia and the family removed to Madison, Indiana, where the father died April 30, 1837. Later the mother took up her residence in Poweshiek county, Iowa, where she died December 16, 1875. Both she and her husband were members of the Methodist church.

Politically Mr. Prosser affiliates with the democratic party. He has, however, devoted his attention to business rather than to politics, and his beautiful farm is evidence of his judgment and enterprise. He is one of the honored

survivors of the white race that opened the way for the millions that now occupy the fertile lands of the west and have made them blossom as a garden. The work of the venerable pioneer is now accomplished and he is in the enjoyment of the peace and plenty that rightfully belong to those who, in the heat of the day and the midst of the battle, attempted to perform their duty.

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### ALBERT W. READ.

Almost a half century has come and gone since the arrival of Albert W. Read in Iowa, and with the passing years he has witnessed the development of one of the finest agricultural districts in the country.

A native of Pennsylvania, he was born in Clearfield county on the 9th of September, 1857, a son of Thomas and Jane (Irwin) Read, who were natives of Ireland and Clearfield county, Pennsylvania, respectively. The father, a farmer by occupation, came west in 1866, locating on a farm in Madison township, Poweshiek county, upon which his son now makes his home. His purchase consisted of one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 16, and here he continued to reside, engaged in agricultural pursuits, until his death, which occurred on the 31st of October, 1908. He survived his wife for about seven years, her death occurring April 11, 1901.

Reared in the Keystone state Albert W. Read accompanied his parents on their westward trip in 1866, and assisted his father in the work of the home farm in Madison township until he was fifteen years of age, when he started out on his own account, working at farm labor by the month until he reached man's estate. When he had attained his twenty-second year he rented a farm in Madison township which he operated for five years, and then rented a farm in Tama county, Iowa, for two years, although he still retained his residence in Madison township, Poweshiek county. At the end of that period he returned to the homestead farm and here cared for his parents until their demise.

He then purchased the home farm of one hundred and sixty acres, to which he has since added forty acres, making it today an excellent place of two hundred acres. The place contains no waste land but is all under a high state of cultivation and is a well developed tract. It contains a fine orchard of one acre, and is well watered and well tiled throughout. Mr. Read has recently greatly enhanced the value of the property by installing an up-to-date acetylene lighting system, operated by electricity generated by storage batteries, there being only three such plants in Madison township. He has remodeled his dwelling, adding all of the modern conveniences of a city home, making it one of the well improved and attractive homes of the district. He engages extensively in the raising of grain, cattle and hogs, which he sells to shippers direct, and the high grade of his grain and stock makes it possible for him to realize excellent returns. He is practical and progressive in the management of his affairs and his well directed efforts are meeting with substantial and merited success.

On the 16th of December, 1903, Mr. Read was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Leach, a daughter of Jonathan and Liza Jane (Lawn) Leach, natives

of Virginia and Pickaway county, Ohio, respectively. The mother passed away at the age of twenty-nine years, but the father still survives and is now engaged in business at Harrisburg, Franklin county, Ohio. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Read has been born one daughter, Ruth Naomi, whose birth occurred on the 28th of March, 1908, and who is the life and light of the household.

The parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in the work of which they are greatly interested, and both are held in the highest esteem in the community in which they reside. Mr. Read gives his political support to the democracy, and is now serving as township trustee of Madison township, having been elected to that office in the fall of 1910 for a term of two years. He has now made his home in this county for almost a half century and his life, ever upright and honorable, has gained for him the warm esteem and unqualified confidence of those with whom business or social relations have brought him in contact.

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### WILLIAM W. CUMMINGS.

Among the citizens of Union township who have contributed toward the development of the agricultural interests of Poweshiek county is William W. Cummings, who was born in the township where he now resides on the 17th of February, 1858. His parents were Alexander and Jane (Duffus) Cummings, natives of Scotland, from which country they emigrated to the United States, locating in Ohio. Later they removed to Iowa, settling upon a farm in the vicinity of Ewart, in Pleasant township. The father, who was a stone-mason by trade, engaged in the cultivation of his homestead until he passed away. Both parents were members of the Presbyterian church, and his political support was accorded the republican party. They were the parents of six children, the order of their birth being as follows: Margaret, the widow of Moses Jacob, of Ewart; James A., who is a resident of Malcom; Ellen D., the wife of James Donnan, of Ewart; William W., our subject; George W., also a resident of Ewart; and John L., deceased.

After the completion of his education which was acquired in the common schools of Poweshiek county, William W. Cummings laid aside his text-books and gave his undivided attention to agricultural pursuits, assisting his father in the cultivation of the homestead. He remained a member of the parental household until he was twenty-two years of age, following which he rented some land, which he operated for three years. Subsequently he went to Ewart, where he engaged in the mercantile and stock business for several years. In 1898 he purchased his present homestead, containing four hundred and fifty-two acres within the corporate limits of Montezuma. Here he is engaging in the breeding and raising of stock in addition to the cultivation of his fields.

Mr. Cummings was married on the 17th of February, 1881, to Miss Ella J. Donnan, a daughter of James and Nancy (Hamilton) Donnan, of Ewart. Her parents were natives of Belfast, Ireland, coming from there to the United States and locating in Rock Island, Illinois, where the father engaged in agricultural

pursuits. Subsequently they came to Ewart, Iowa, again settling on a farm, and here the father passed away on the 31st of August, 1871, but the mother survived until the 20th of October, 1891. Six children were born to them as follows: Susanna, the wife of W. A. McGonigan, of Chicago; James, who is a resident of Ewart, Iowa; Ella J., now Mrs. Cummings, who was born in Rock Island on the 10th of March, 1857; Mary A., the wife of William McCormick, of Ewart; Elizabeth N., who is at home; and Sarah, the wife of Andrew McCormick, also of Ewart. The family affiliated with the Presbyterian church, of which the parents were active and earnest members, Mr. Donnan having been both an elder and trustee. His political support he always gave to the democratic party and he served his district in the capacity of school director.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Cummings were born five daughters and three sons in the following order: Charles G., who is a resident of Montezuma; James A.; Mae Agnes; Pearl Elizabeth; Sarah Jane; William J.; Florence S.; and Margaret, all of whom are at home. Both Mr. and Mrs. Cummings hold membership in the Presbyterian church, and fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His political support he gives to the men and measures of the republican party. He is one of the representative citizens of Union township, where he and his family are held in high regard.

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#### WILLIAM NEVILLE.

Left at an early age to the mercy of strangers through the death of both parents, and handicapped by the loss of one hand, William Neville has nevertheless become one of the representative agriculturists of Malcom township and one of the substantial men of Poweshiek county.

He was born in New York city on the 15th of November, 1861, a son of Frank and Elizabeth (Barrett) Neville, both natives of England. They were reared in their native country and were there married, and ere leaving for this country became the parents of one son. Upon their arrival in the United States they located in New York, and Mr. Neville passed away in Brooklyn from the effects of smallpox when William Neville was but four years of age. At the time of the father's death the widowed mother also lost two children from the same disease, and was left with four small children. Her death occurred when her son, William, was eleven years old. He was the second in order of birth in a family of six children, as follows: Frank, who died in youth from smallpox; William; Albert, who until recently resided in Poweshiek county, but now makes his home in Virginia; Martha, the wife of J. C. Clemmens, of Tacoma, Washington; Nellie, who passed away at the time of her father's death; and Sarah, whose whereabouts are unknown.

After the mother's demise the children were taken by the Children's Aid Society of the Episcopal church of Brooklyn, and in June, 1873, William Neville and his younger brother, Albert, were brought to Poweshiek county at first being located at Brooklyn. Later they went to Grinnell and subsequently went to live with C. H. Verbeck, who was residing on a farm near Grinnell, in Malcom town-



ship. Not long afterward they sent for their sister, Martha, and she, too, was reared in this county. William Neville remained in the home of Mr. Verbeck until twenty years of age, when, in 1881, he took up agriculture on his own account, cultivating a rented farm for three years. He was then married, after which he operated Mr. Verbeck's farm on shares for several years, being thus engaged until 1898, when his carefully saved earnings made it possible for him to invest in property of his own. He accordingly purchased his present farm of two hundred and ten acres, located on section 10, Malcom township, while he later invested in another tract of eighty acres on section 29. The home place is a highly improved property which, in its neat appearance, indicates progressive and practical methods on the part of its owner. He is an extensive stock-raiser, breeding on an average of one hundred head of cattle per year, while in 1910 he shipped one hundred and fifty head to the Chicago market. He likewise raises and ships a large number of hogs and the high grade of his stock commands for him ready sale and excellent prices. He has been eminently successful in his agricultural enterprise and as he has prospered he has assumed other interests, being now known in the financial circles of this community as a stockholder in the Mutual Home & Loan Bank of Grinnell, and also of the Malcom Savings Bank.

On the 18th of February, 1890, Mr. Neville was united in marriage to Miss Cora Nutting, who was born in Scott county, Iowa, a daughter of D. W. and Helen Nutting, the former now deceased and the latter a resident of Grinnell. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Neville have been born four children, as follows: Ina, Martha, Rex and Orville.

Mr. Neville has ever supported the democratic party and on that ticket was elected to the office of trustee of Malcom township. He also served as director-at-large of the school board, and is public-spirited in citizenship, lending his influence and cooperation to all measures and movements for the betterment and improvement of the community. Few residents of Poweshiek county more rightly deserve the proud American title of a self-made man, for through difficulties and obstacles he has forged his way upward, allowing nothing to bar his path that might be overcome by persistent, earnest effort, and today he stands among the most prominent, progressive and substantial business men of the county.

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#### WILLIAM H. FISHER.

Among the wide-awake and progressive farmers of Poweshiek county should be named William H. Fisher, whose beautiful place of three hundred and twenty acres in Jefferson township presents abundant evidence of his interest in his calling and his ability as an agriculturist and stock-raiser.

He was born in the township where he now lives December 19, 1878, a son of Luther and Margaret (Kelly) Fisher. The father was born in Ohio and the mother in Massachusetts, and both came to Iowa in their childhood. They were married in Mahaska county, this state, and in 1874 located in Poweshiek

county, where Mr. Fisher purchased a farm of three hundred and twenty acres, which he later increased to four hundred acres, becoming the owner of one of the best developed properties in his part of the county. He distributed a large portion of his land among his children and is now living retired at Belle Plaine. He has adhered to the democratic party ever since he cast his first ballot and has served as township trustee, township treasurer and also as school director. He has for years been known as a man of excellent judgment in financial matters and is a member of the board of directors of the Hartwick Bank.

William H. Fisher, of this review, had the advantage of education in the common schools, and later attended the high school at Belle Plaine and at Dixon, Illinois, finally taking a course in the Iowa City Commercial College. He received his first lessons in agriculture upon his father's farm and at twenty-one years of age began farming upon land owned by his father. Three years later, in March, 1902, he moved to his present location on section 24, Jefferson township, where he has one of the most attractive residences of the township and also has provided his place with large and well built barns. He raises cattle and hogs and is usually successful in securing the best prices that are quoted for the class of stock which he delivers.

On February 5, 1902, Mr. Fisher was married to Miss Nellie Hakeman, a daughter of George Hakeman, of Sanborn, Iowa. The father is a veteran of the Civil war and is now living retired, but still owns the old homestead in O'Brien county, Iowa. Two children, Zada M. and Edev C., have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Fisher.

Mr. Fisher votes in support of the republican party, believing firmly in its principles as essential to the prosperity of the country. He has served as township treasurer and trustee, but his business has demanded most of his attention, and the excellent results he has obtained could not have been secured except by thoughtful attention. He is a representative of the younger element in farming and is always on the lookout for methods that will produce the best results at a reasonable cost in time, money and labor. Earnest, energetic and ambitious of advancement, there is every reason to believe that he will be known in years to come as one of the prominent factors of Poweshiek county.

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#### GIDEON W. MERRILL.

Gideon W. Merrill, who has reached the sixty-fourth mile-stone in life's journey, is one of the best known residents of Grinnell. He is a native of Plainfield, New Hampshire, born April 18, 1847, a son of Philo G. C. and Sophia W. (Woodward) Merrill, both of whom were born in Vermont. The father was reared as a farmer and in 1851 took up his residence at Wilton, New York, where he remained for a year and a half, coming west to Warren county, Iowa, in 1853. He conducted a store and gristmill at his new home in this state and had attained a goodly measure of prosperity at the outbreak of the Civil war. To him belongs the honor of being the first man from Warren county to enlist in the Union army. His name was enrolled as first lieutenant of Company G,

Third Iowa Regiment. At the battle of Shiloh he was wounded and captured and was confined for six months in a Confederate prison at Savannah, Georgia, and later at Tuskegee and Mobile, Alabama. He was finally exchanged and returned to his company, with which he served until 1863, when, on account of ill health occasioned by the hardships through which he had passed, he was discharged from the army and returned home. The estimation in which he was held by the people of Warren county is indicated by the fact that he was elected to the state senate from that county and served in 1863-4. In the spring of 1864 he removed to Poweshiek county and engaged with marked success in farming. He died in 1896 but his wife is still living upon the old homestead.

Gideon W. Merrill arrived in Iowa with his parents at the age of six years and has ever since that time been a resident of this state. He attended the common schools in Warren county and later was a student at Iowa College. After leaving college he devoted his attention to agriculture and stock-raising upon the home place, where he is now living retired. The original farm upon which his father located is within the city limits of Grinnell and its value has increased many fold so that Mr. Merrill enjoys a good income.

In 1897 he was united in marriage to Mrs. Mary E. Dickerson, of Grinnell, a daughter of George and Nancy Jackson, the former of whom was born in New York and the latter in Indiana. They came to Iowa and settled in Iowa City in 1853. Mr. Jackson was by trade a carpenter and assisted in building the first capitol of the state of Iowa.

Mr. Merrill has been a resident of Iowa since 1853—a period of fifty-eight years—and for forty-seven years he has made his home at Grinnell. He has seen the country town grow to a thriving modern city and has been one of the factors by which this great transformation was wrought. As the son of a noble defender of the republic, he was early taught the duties of citizenship, and he has ever attempted to discharge his responsibilities fairly and with justice to all concerned. He has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking, as his interests have been concentrated on his business. Fraternally he is a valued member of the Masonic lodge at Grinnell.

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### H. R. BOOKNAU.

One of the finest farms in Poweshiek county is that owned by H. R. Booknau. It comprises nine hundred and sixty acres and is in many respects a model place, the barns being strictly modern and all utensils and appliances the best to be found in the market. This large and valuable property Mr. Booknau has acquired through his own exertions and it is, indeed, a monument to his ability and energy.

He is a native of Boston, Massachusetts, born June 22, 1848, a son of George and Christina (Lynn) Booknau, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father was born in 1809 and devoted his attention to farming in the old country. He came to America in 1842, and in 1850 removed with his family from Boston to Hartford, Wisconsin. He came to Poweshiek county, Iowa, in 1859, and after

spending one year at Montezuma removed to Grinnell, and in 1864 purchased a farm in Chester township. He applied himself with such diligence that in a few years he owned four hundred acres, but in 1870 met with financial reverses from which he did not recover. He died in 1890, his wife having passed away at Hartford, Wisconsin, forty years previously. There were five children in the family—four boys and one girl, the subject of this review being the fourth in order of birth.

Educated in the common schools and in an academy at Grinnell, H. R. Booknau early became acquainted with farm work under his father, and ever since his boyhood has devoted his attention to agriculture and stock-raising. The financial reverses of his father he regards, not as a misfortune, but rather as a blessing to himself. He went to work on his own account and thus developed the strength of character and clearness of judgment which carried him through many difficulties and finally made him financially independent. He purchased his first land in 1880, the cost being thirty-six dollars an acre, and in 1881 he acquired more land, being today one of the important landholders of the county. He makes a specialty of raising and feeding Poland China hogs and shorthorn cattle, marketing as many as three hundred cattle in a year. He is a large feeder, and as he is a good judge of livestock and understands his business thoroughly he usually receives the best prices quoted for his class of stock in the market.

In politics Mr. Booknau supports the republican party, and religiously he is connected with the Congregational church at Grinnell. He is a bachelor, his widowed sister, who has four children, keeping house for him. He has witnessed many changes in Poweshiek county, one of which is the advance in the price of land. He remembers when land sold at three dollars per acre and the same land now commands three hundred dollars per acre. He has also noted the remarkable improvements in farm methods, all branches of agriculture and stock-raising having been revolutionized since the early days of farming in this county. He is fond of building anchor posts, and has one two feet in diameter, which extends seven feet in the ground and six feet above, tapering to eighteen inches at the top. It is reinforced by steel wire and weighs seventy-five hundred pounds, and yet it is a cheap post, as it only cost sixteen dollars. This is believed to be the most remarkable anchor post in the county, if not in the state. He is a man of good education, a constant reader, a clear and logical thinker, and his advice is often sought by neighbors and friends, who seldom make a mistake if they follow the line he suggests.

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### JOHN IVERSON.

Among the Norwegian Americans of Poweshiek county John Iverson is prominent, being the owner of a beautiful farm which he acquired through his energy and ability as an agriculturist and stock-raiser. He was born at Stavanger, Norway, May 20, 1862, and is a son of Iver and Bertha (Johanson) Iverson, both of whom were born in Norway and spent their entire lives in their native country.





JOHN IVERSON AND FAMILY



John Iverson received a common-school education and at seventeen years of age began work on a fishing boat. However, he was not satisfied with the outlook in his native land, where wages were low and opportunities for advancement were limited. Accordingly, on May 12, 1882, he landed in America and soon came to Brooklyn, Iowa, finding employment as a farm laborer. He continued to work for wages for four years and then, in 1886, rented a farm in Sheridan township. Four years later he purchased land at his present location on section 34, Chester township, and is now the owner of a beautiful farm of two hundred and forty acres, which he has supplied with substantial buildings and all modern conveniences. His residence stands back about one hundred yards from the road in an attractive location, an evergreen hedge bordering the front of the premises and a roadway winding through a nicely shaded lawn to the house. It is one of the beautiful sights of the neighborhood and the appearance of the farm indicates a high degree of prosperity.

On the 14th of February, 1891, Mr. Iverson was united in marriage, at the Lutheran church in Sheridan, to Miss Letta Severson, a daughter of Severt Severson, a farmer of Norway. She came to America with an uncle but her parents never made the trip to this country. One child, Elmer S., has blessed this union.

Mr. Iverson is a man of fine tastes, as is shown by the appearance of his place and the care he takes in keeping everything in order about him. He believes that everything should be well done, that is worth doing at all and accordingly he puts his best efforts into his work. He is a consistent advocate of education and was instrumental in establishing a school in Chester township, of which he has just cause to be proud. Religiously he adheres to the Lutheran church, in which he was reared as a boy, and in politics he votes in support of the republican party. He has not been a seeker for public office but has served as road supervisor of his township. His principal interests are centered in his family and his farm, and it is the general opinion of his friends that he is one of the model farmers of the county.

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#### DR. U. M. HIBBETS.

Dr. U. M. Hibbets, the subject of this sketch, located in Grinnell for the practice of osteopathy in April, 1898, and has enjoyed a large practice from the beginning. He was born in Lebanon, Missouri, March 6, 1870, but his parents moved to Wayne county, Iowa, two years later and then back to Adair county, Missouri, when he was seven years of age. He grew to manhood on the farm. Dr. Hibbets attended the public schools of his county in acquiring his education, and in the spring of 1896 he matriculated in the American School of Osteopathy, from which institution he graduated in 1898 and came immediately to Iowa and opened offices in Grinnell and Brooklyn, coming at once into a very active and lucrative practice. In 1900 he gave up his Brooklyn practice to Dr. George W. Graham and then confined his practice to Grinnell alone, having one of the largest practices in the county.

Dr. Hibbets has twice served his profession as president of the Iowa Osteopathic Association, and being one of the oldest practitioners of his school in the state is frequently called in consultation with other physicians of his school.

Dr. Hibbets has been married twice. In 1889 he wedded Maud L. Gill, of Kirksville, Missouri, by whom he had two children: Charles Andrew, who was born in 1898, and lived but a little more than four years; and George Kenneth, who was born in 1900 and is now a bright lad of eleven years. The wife and mother passed away in June, 1902, and in October, 1904, Dr. Hibbets was married to Ida B. Gordon, of Montezuma, Iowa.

Dr. Hibbets is identified with many enterprises in Grinnell and is always among those willing to do their part in advancing Grinnell and Poweshiek county. He is a member of the Methodist church, the Masonic lodge, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias, and in both professional and business circles he is recognized as a success, being widely known as a leading and representative citizen of Grinnell.

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#### WILLIAM HALL.

A well developed and highly improved farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Pleasant township is the property of William Hall, who has spent his entire life in Poweshiek county. He was born on a farm three miles west of Montezuma, September 9, 1849, a son of Joseph and Nancy (Wright) Hall, the former born in Butler county, Ohio, and the latter in Pennsylvania, in November, 1810. They were married in Indiana, and from there made their way to Jefferson county, Iowa, in a prairie schooner about 1845. After one year spent in that locality, they came in 1846 to Poweshiek county. It was two years before the land on which they settled was placed on the market but when the time arrived the father entered one hundred and sixty acres and there made a home on the western frontier for himself and family. The place continued to be their home until 1885, when they crossed the line into Iowa county but after two or three years they located in New Sharon, Iowa, where the mother died in January, 1893, when she had reached the advanced age of eighty-three years. The father afterward made his home in Grinnell and there departed this life when he had reached the age of eighty years. Their family numbered ten children, three of whom died in infancy. Those who reached mature years were: Juliann, the widow of Henry Sharp, of Ollie, Iowa; Nancy, the wife of Jackson Gregson, of South Dakota; Mrs. Sarah Faircloth, deceased; Susan, the widow of John Bradbury, a resident of Des Moines; William, of this review; Joseph, deceased; and Hannah, the wife of Scott McCready, a resident of South Dakota.

William Hall has spent his entire life in Poweshiek county and has made farming his life work. He is now the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of rich and valuable land, situated on section 23, Pleasant township. He gives much of his time to general farming but makes a specialty of small fruits and his knowledge of horticulture has brought him success in this venture.



Mr. Hall was married October 20, 1867, to Miss Mary A. McCoy, who was born in New Buffalo, Berrien county, Michigan, February 29, 1848, a daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth (Metz) McCoy. The parents were both natives of Ohio, the father born in Highland county, June 20, 1817, and the latter in Champaign county, December 20, 1810. They came to Poweshiek county in 1863 from Valparaiso, Indiana, and both died on the farm which is now the home of our subject, the father on the 17th of April, 1883, and the mother on the 16th of September, 1906. He was a prosperous farmer of this county for many years and a man highly respected by all who knew him. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. McCoy was celebrated on the 20th of April, 1846, and their union was blessed with three children but the eldest died in infancy, while the youngest, Hadden D., died June 18, 1883, leaving Mrs. Hall as the only survivor.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hall have been born nine children: Nancy L., a resident of Des Moines; Rosa May, who died at the age of three years and ten months; Martha A., the wife of Henry Schneekloth, of Montezuma; Emma G., who died at the age of twenty months; Sarah L., the wife of Ed Palmer, of Valley Junction; Ethel Z., who died at the age of ten years; one who died in infancy; Frank, a resident of Jackson township; and Lila F., who is with her parents.

In his political views and affiliations Mr. Hall is a democrat, while his fraternal relations connect him with the Modern Brotherhood of America. He and his estimable wife are well known in their home locality and his reputation for fair and honorable dealing is surpassed by no man in the community.

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#### ANDREW A. FOSTER.

In whatever line of business he has been engaged Andrew A. Foster, of Grinnell, has through his shrewdness, sagacity and clear judgment produced substantial financial returns. He is known not only as one of the most successful business men of Grinnell, but also as one of its most public-spirited citizens—one who is at all times ready to assist in forwarding any movement that aims to promote the general welfare.

He is a native of Scott county, Iowa, born May 11, 1851, and is a son of William and Margaret (Alcorn) Foster, both of whom were born in the north of Ireland. They came to the United States as children with their parents and both families located near Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, where the children were reared. Some time after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Foster came to Iowa, landing at Davenport, March 26, 1851. They located on a farm near the city and there the father died from cholera four years later, leaving a widow and nine children. Mrs. Foster continued upon the farm until 1869, when she came to Grinnell with her son Andrew and two other members of the family. She made her home with her son until her death, which occurred December 13, 1907, when she was ninety-two years of age.

Andrew A. Foster was reared under a mother's loving care and attended the public schools, also possessing the advantage of two terms at Iowa College.

He began in business life by renting land in Jasper county just across the line from Poweshiek county, which he cultivated for eight years, and then purchased eighty acres in Grinnell township. In February, 1877, he took up his residence in Grinnell and engaged in the hardware and implement business, also being an extensive buyer and seller of stock and a stock-feeder. He was connected with the implement and hardware business for twenty-six years and during that time dealt largely in Iowa farm lands, of which he is an excellent judge. He now owns four hundred and ten acres of good land, a part of which is in Grinnell township and the remainder in Marshall county. He is now devoting his attention principally to farming.

On the 22d of December, 1880, Mr. Foster was united in marriage to Miss Fannie E. Houghton, a daughter of William Houghton, a prominent farmer of Grinnell township. He and his wife are earnest members of the Congregational church, in which he has served as trustee for many years. Politically he gives his support to the republican party and for several years past has been a member of the city council. He is connected with the Commercial Club and his opinions as to the best means to encourage the development of the city always find ready acceptance. He has been interested in many business enterprises in which he has demonstrated a rare judgment, and it is doubtful whether his superior in deciding such questions is to be found in this part of the state.

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### JAMES W. CUNNINGHAM.

James W. Cunningham, who is now living retired on his farm on section 14, Jefferson township, Poweshiek county, Iowa, and is one of the highly respected citizens of the county, was born in Jefferson township December 19, 1869. He is a son of James R. and Elizabeth M. (Noble) Cunningham, the former of whom was born in Indiana and the latter in Illinois. The father was taken by his parents to Mercer county, Illinois, when he was four years of age and grew to manhood in that county. After attaining his majority he worked in a packing house in Mercer county but, having decided to devote his attention to farming, he came to Poweshiek county in 1862 and purchased one hundred and sixty acres, which he improved and developed into an attractive homestead. He died at Belle Plaine May 6, 1899. He was a consistent member of the Methodist church of Walnut Creek, and served as trustee of the township and also as member of the school board. In politics he gave his support to the republican party.

James W. Cunningham, of this review, received his preliminary education in the district schools and devoted his attention to farm work, expecting later to become a student in college. Owing to financial reverses of the family he was obliged to give up his college education and he continued upon the home farm until he was twenty-two years of age. He then began working on his own account and, in 1901, moved to the farm on section 14 where he now lives. The place consists of one hundred and fifty acres and is in an excellent state of cultivation. For a number of years Mr. Cunningham devoted his energies principally to raising shorthorn cattle and Duroc Jersey hogs, and was very successful along

this line, as he is a good judge of animals and also understands thoroughly how to handle them and prepare them for the market. Owing to ill health he is now renting his farm and is not engaged in any active work.

On the 23d of November, 1898, Mr. Cunningham was married, in this county, to Margaret Dixon, a daughter of Thomas and Jennie (McArthur) Dixon. The father was born in England and the mother in New York state. He took up his residence in Virginia after coming to this country, but later settled in Poweshiek county on the location now occupied by the subject of this review. He is at present engaged in the stock business at Belle Plaine. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham, one of whom died in infancy. The other, Vera E., is now attending the district school.

Mr. Cunningham casts his ballot in support of the republican party, believing that its principles are important in promoting the best interests of the country. He has never sought public office, but at all times has aimed to discharge the duties of an intelligent and progressive American citizen. He applied himself faithfully to his vocation as a farmer and now enjoys a competency which is the result of many years of well directed labor. He is a man of acknowledged high character and sound judgment and one who has ever been a credit to his county and his state.

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#### DANIEL WEBSTER BRAINARD.

A noticeable factor in the experience of long established families of the eastern states has been the departure of the younger members for more promising fields in the great and growing west. Iowa has profited very largely by the arrival of stalwart young men, who generally remain in this state after once gaining a knowledge by personal investigation as to its marvelous agricultural resources. In the number may be named Daniel Webster Brainard, who engaged in farming in Poweshiek county and for twenty-seven years has been a resident of Grinnell.

He is a native of New York state, having been born in Wyoming county in August, 1837, and is a son of Edmond and Alzina (Howe) Brainard, the former of whom was born at Rome, New York, and the latter at Springfield, Massachusetts. On the paternal side the family has been traced back seven generations to East Haddam, Connecticut, where one of the early progenitors, Daniel Brainerd, was buried. On the maternal side the ancestry has been traced to Lord Howe, a prominent general of the British forces at the time of the Revolutionary war. Edmond Brainard, the father, was a well known and highly respected farmer and spent his entire life in New York state. Politically he gave his support to the whig party, and later to the republican party. Of a fearless and independent disposition, he did not hesitate to make up his mind on any subject and to act in accordance with his own convictions without seeking the advice of others. He was married to Alzina A. Howe in 1831, and the celebration of their golden wedding at the old farm homestead in New York,

in 1881, was one of the memorable events of that section, the beloved wife being called away the year following. The death of Mr. Brainard occurred in 1886.

Daniel W. Brainard attended the common schools of Wyoming county and later became a student of an academy at Alexander, New York, acquiring the foundation of an education which he has largely broadened through reading and contact with the world. After leaving school he became a teacher and engaged in this vocation at fourteen dollars a month and board, following this occupation during the winter seasons until 1868. In the spring of year named he came west and settled on a farm in Malcom township, Poweshiek county, where he followed agriculture and stock-raising with a goodly measure of success for sixteen years. In 1884 he moved to Grinnell and has since lived in this city, being now engaged in the real-estate and insurance business.

On January 1, 1863, Mr. Brainard was married to Miss Susie M. Kingdon, a member of a well known family of Stafford, Genesee county, New York, and a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Kingdon. Mr. Brainard cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1860 and during all the years that have since passed he has faithfully adhered to the republican party. He is a valued member of Lodge No. 273, A. F. & A. M., and Lodge No. 358, I. O. O. F., both of Grinnell. In religious belief he is a confirmed Spiritualist and is fully persuaded that communication has been opened with disembodied spirits that once inhabited this world. He is a thoughtful man, of wide observation, and one who is entirely fearless in expressing his views after making up his mind as to what he considers to be right and true. Ever sincere, straightforward and generous-hearted, he is greatly esteemed by all who know him in Grinnell and Poweshiek county.

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### HENRY LUTTMAN, SR.

Industry, thrift and perseverance have been marked characteristics in the life of Henry Luttman, Sr., who is the owner of a valuable farm in Chester township, which yields generous returns for the labor expended upon it. He sought in the new world to establish a home for himself and family and his early hopes have been more than realized, he being today one of the most prosperous men in Chester township. He is now practically living retired, while his sons manage the farm.

He was born in Hanover, Germany, November 7, 1842, and is a son of Louis and Lizzie Luttman, who passed their entire lives in the old country. In his boyhood days he became familiar with farming and was required to make himself useful from an early age about the house. He received his education in the public schools and continued to work as a farmer in his native land until he reached the age of twenty-four years. Ambitious and highly desirous of advancing as rapidly as possible toward a state of independence, he crossed the ocean in 1866 and found employment in a factory at Cincinnati, Ohio, later working in a stone quarry. In 1890 he came to Poweshiek county, Iowa, and after spending two years in Sheridan township located in Chester township.



He has prospered greatly in his labors and is the owner of five hundred and sixty acres of land, which he has developed into one of the most attractive farms in the township. He has devoted his attention to general farming and the feeding of stock for the market and each year has shown an increase in his prosperity.

In December, 1868, in Ohio, Mr. Luttman was married to Miss Minnie Hadler, a daughter of William Hadler, of Hanover, Germany, and three children came to brighten their home, namely: Louis, a resident of Chester township, who married Annie Siehl and has two children; Sophia, who married Otto Schultz, a farmer of Sheridan township, and has five children; and Henry, Jr., with whom the father is now living upon the home farm, who married Clara Hink, a daughter of Henry Hink, Sr., and has four children.

Like thousands of his countrymen, Mr. Luttman early left home and friends in order to better his conditions in a foreign land. He applied himself with great determination and by practicing self-denial in his earlier years he saved money which enabled him to become a landowner in one of the most favored sections of Iowa. His life has been a success and his example of patient perseverance has encouraged others to follow in his footsteps, thus attaining a measure of prosperity. In politics he supports the republican party and in religious belief he is in hearty accord with the German Lutheran church, being a member of the church of Malcom.

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#### D. T. GORSUCH.

D. T. Gorsuch, now serving as treasurer of Jackson township and successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits, was born in Jackson county, Kansas, near the city of Circleville, on the 26th of December, 1858, a son of Thomas B. and Margaret Ann (Murrow) Gorsuch. The father came to Iowa with his parents in 1844, the family locating in Mahaska county, and later he removed to Jackson county, Kansas, where he resided for about three years. In 1860 he came to Poweshiek county and here passed away December 30, 1884, at the age of fifty-four years. He was a farmer by occupation, devoting his entire life to agricultural pursuits, and at the time of his death was the owner of valuable property amounting to three hundred and thirty acres. His wife also passed away in this county in February, 1910, at the age of seventy years. In their family were nine children, as follows: Martha Ellen, the wife of H. L. Jones, of Montezuma; David, who passed away in infancy; John J., of Jackson township; D. T., of this review; Sarah Elizabeth, the wife of O. J. Butler, of Montezuma; Rebecca Emeline, who married W. A. Wells, of Pleasant township; Laura D., of Montezuma; Charles W., of Scott township; and Verna Edith, also a resident of Montezuma.

When only two years of age D. T. Gorsuch was brought to Poweshiek county and since that time has made this locality his home. He attended the country schools in the acquirement of his education and early in life was given a part in the work of the fields, so that his practical training in no way was neglected. He remained under the parental roof until about the year 1882, when he entered independently into agricultural pursuits in connection with his brother.

John J. Gorsuch, with whom he engaged in general farming under the name of Gorsuch Brothers for nineteen years. Their start in business was made on rented land, but it was not long before their enterprise and perseverance made it possible for them to invest in property of their own, and they became the owners of six hundred acres of valuable land. Upon severing their relations they divided their property and D. T. Gorsuch has now a tract of two hundred and forty acres, located in section 11, Jackson township. Under his careful direction and wise management it has become a highly developed farm, containing two good sets of buildings, neat fences, well kept orchards and equipped with all conveniences and accessories for the conduct of a successful farming enterprise. In 1902 he erected his present home, a fine ten-room modern dwelling, while the other residence, which is occupied by his son-in-law, was built in 1907. The excellent condition of the place is due entirely to the efforts of Mr. Gorsuch, and is generally considered an exceptionally well improved property. The soil is rich and fertile, well adapted to various crops and is particularly excellent for pasture land, enabling the owner to engage in stock-raising in addition to the cultivation of the fields. The success which has attended his efforts has kept pace with the general prosperity of a community located in one of the best agricultural districts of the entire country.

It was in March, 1883, that Mr. Gorsuch was united in marriage to Miss Sarah E. Webber, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1863 and came to Iowa with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Webber, of Montezuma. By her marriage she became the mother of three children, namely: Ethel Bernice, now the wife of William E. McKee, residing on a portion of her father's farm; Blanche Edith, a senior at the State University of Iowa; and Maude E., who resides with her parents and is engaged in teaching in the home school.

Mr. Gorsuch belongs to the Knights of Pythias lodge at Montezuma and in politics gives stalwart support to the democratic party. He has held various school and road offices and for the past ten years has served as township treasurer, his long retention in that office being indicative of the confidence and trust reposed in him by his fellow citizens. Fortunate in possessing ability and character that inspire confidence, the simple weight of his character and ability has brought him into positions of responsibility and he ranks high among the well known and valued citizens of Jackson township. His record has ever been in harmony with that of an honored veteran father who, as a soldier of Company B, Fortieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, served for three years at the front to protect the interests of the nation.

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### JUDGE W. R. LEWIS.

With the work of framing as well as interpreting the laws of Iowa Judge W. R. Lewis has been closely associated, serving at different times as a member of the upper house of the state legislature and as judge of the circuit and district courts. Aside from this he has won a wide and enviable reputation as a learned lawyer, seldom, if ever, at fault in the application of a legal principle. For more



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than a half century he has been a resident of Poweshiek county, having come here in the days of his early manhood, his birth having occurred near Zanesville, Muskingum county, Ohio, on the 12th of October, 1835. He was, therefore, about twenty-two years of age when he arrived in Poweshiek county and nine years later was admitted to the bar.

He comes of Welsh and German ancestry. His father, John M. Lewis, was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, his natal year being 1811. He was a son of Abel Lewis, who was born near White Sulphur Springs, Virginia, and was a college graduate. In the latter part of the eighteenth century he removed to Ohio and became a government surveyor in Muskingum and Coshocton counties. He took part in several of the Indian wars and was closely associated with many of the events which led to the reclamation of Ohio for the purpose of civilization. Following his marriage he established his home in Zanesville and there served as clerk of the court for four years. He was also the author of some mathematical works. Entering a large tract of land, he became interested in agricultural pursuits, took up his abode on his farm and spent the residue of his days there. For many years he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and his entire life was the exemplification of his Christian belief.

John M. Lewis, the father of Judge Lewis, married Louisa A. Ramey and settled upon a part of the old homestead, five and a half miles from Zanesville. Subsequently he took up his abode at New Castle, Coshocton county, Ohio, and engaged in merchandising as a member of the firm of Thornhill, Berry & Lewis. The discovery of gold, however, attracted him to California in 1851, the journey to the coast being made by way of the isthmus of Panama. He spent two years in prospecting and mining, in which he was fairly successful. He then returned to New Castle and soon afterward retired from business. He, too, belonged to the Methodist Episcopal church, and his political allegiance was given to the republican party. His wife was born in Muskingum county, a daughter of Sanford Ramey, a native of Virginia and of German descent. He became one of the early settlers of Ohio and his daughter Louisa was born and reared in that state. Her death occurred in 1886.

Judge Lewis, the eldest in a family of ten children, spent the first ten years of his life in his native county and then removed with his parents to Coshocton county, Ohio. For four or five years he attended school during the winter months, the remainder of the year being spent in assisting his father in the store. He was also at intervals engaged in farm work and took up the study of surveying. He read law in New Castle and while thus engaged followed the profession of surveying for several years. In 1856 he took the first step in the removals which brought him eventually to Iowa. In that year he became a resident of Southport, Peoria county, Illinois, where he worked at the carpenter's trade and also spent a month in farm labor. During the winter he taught school at Southport and in the spring of 1857 he came to Montezuma, then a little village of four or five hundred inhabitants. Since that time he has continuously resided in Poweshiek county and has made for himself a high and enviable position in the regard of his fellowmen. Through the summer months he worked at carpentering or at other employment which he could secure and his evening hours were devoted to the further study of law. He

thus soon qualified for admission to the bar but he determined not to seek admission until he felt that he could give his entire attention to law practice. He recognized the fact that to do this he must have a certain amount of capital to tide him over that initial period in the life of every lawyer when he must spend some time in waiting for clients.

In the fall of 1857 Judge Lewis secured the position of principal of the public schools and did splendid works as one of the early educators of Poweshiek county. While active in that capacity he was largely instrumental in organizing the teachers' institute and he also graded the schools of Montezuma. This work alone would entitle him to the lasting gratitude of his fellow townsmen. In 1862 he was elected county superintendent of schools and before the expiration of his term was chosen by popular suffrage for the office of clerk of the county and district courts. In the latter position he served acceptably for a term, after which he resigned to form a partnership with Hon. M. E. Cutts, former member of congress, to conduct a milling business, which was carried on successfully for a great period, after which he sold out. For a year he occupied the position of deputy treasurer and for two years as a member of the county board of supervisors served as its chairman. He has ever regarded a public office as a public trust and it is well known that no public trust reposed in Judge Lewis has ever been betrayed in the slightest degree. Capable, diligent and loyal, he won the confidence and good-will of the public through his devotion to duty in the offices which he was called upon to fill in the earlier years of his residence here.

At length, feeling that the time was ripe when he might give his attention to his profession, in 1866 he applied for and secured admission to the bar and entered upon active practice, being associated for a time with the Hon. D. H. Emery, while later he became a partner of C. R. Clark. He won success because he wisely and conscientiously used the talents with which nature endowed him. An analytical mind enabled him to bring a trend of reasoning to its logical conclusion and to accurately apply the principles of law to the points at issue. His successful handling of cases early in his legal career awakened public confidence and brought him an increased clientage. In the fall of 1880 he was honored with election to the circuit court bench for the district embracing Poweshiek, Jefferson, Washington, Keokuk, Mahaska, Marion and Jasper counties, becoming the second circuit judge, his predecessor having been Judge Blanchard. After filling the position for four years the district was divided and he was elected judge of the first circuit, which included Jefferson, Washington, Keokuk and Poweshiek counties. He continued upon that bench until 1886, when, upon the abolishment of the circuit court, he was made one of the three judges for the district. There was keen strife for the office and Judge Lewis was not renominated by his party at the time but in response to the unanimous wish of his constituents he permitted his name to be used as an independent candidate and was elected by a sweeping majority. There was a prevailing belief that his defeat in the convention was due to unfair means and this contributed to his success at the polls. He retired from the bench in 1890, after a judicial service of ten years, and resumed the practice of law in Montezuma. A contemporary biographer has said of him:

"He is a man of great legal ability and while on the bench was a warm friend of the young practitioner. He never permitted a young lawyer to sacrifice his client's interest if a word or suggestion from the court could help him. His decisions were rarely reversed. No district or circuit judge has a better record in the supreme court than Judge Lewis. So unerring were his views, especially in equity cases, that the attorneys in his court learned it was next to useless to appeal as he was nearly always sustained. He was slow in deciding but his work never had to be done a second time. As special counsel for the county in the famous cases against the Rows and against the bondsmen of the defaulting treasurer he earned new laurels."

Following his retirement from the bench Judge Lewis during the year 1891 acted as general manager for the Hawkeye Electric Manufacturing Company, with headquarters at Davenport, but in the fall of 1891 again took up his abode in Montezuma and has since been actively associated with the work of the courts and at seventy-five years of age has a large and lucrative law practice, doing as much court work as he ever did in his younger days. In addition he has proved his worth in the management of commercial interests. He was one of the organizers of the Montezuma Electric Light & Power Company, superintended the construction of the plant and took up the management of the business. He also superintended the erection and installation of the electric light works at Bloomfield and at Sigourney and assisted in surveying the route for the Grinnell & Montezuma Railroad. He made and published the first map of Poweshiek county and at all times has been closely associated with the growth and progress of the county not alone by reason of his connection with industrial and commercial affairs or with the legal profession but also because he has been the champion of every project and measure which he deemed of value in the public life of the community. He was again called to office in the fall of 1897, when he was nominated by acclamation for the state senate at the republican convention of the twelfth senatorial district, comprising Poweshiek and Keokuk counties. The election showed that he was the popular candidate and for four years he remained a member of the upper house. He gave careful consideration to each question which came up for settlement and left the impress of his individuality and ability upon the laws enacted during that period.

In 1865, in Burlington, Vermont, Mr. Lewis was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Cutts, a daughter of Edwin Cutts, of Brandon, Vermont, and a sister of M. E. Cutts, of Oskaloosa. The marriage relation between them was always of a most ideal character and the deepest grief in the life of Judge Lewis came to him in the death of his wife on the 10th of April, 1893.

Fraternally Judge Lewis is connected with Masonry as a Knight Templar and belongs also to the Iowa Legion, the Ancient Order of United Workmen and to the Iowa State Bar Association. He has never faltered in his stalwart support of the republican party and its principles and has served as chairman of the county central committee. He was a member of the first city council of Montezuma and while important political interests relative to the work of the courts and to the law-making body of the state have claimed his attention he has never considered himself above the duties connected with the management of local interests. A lifelong member of the Presbyterian church, he has served as



elder and trustee and for a number of years was superintendent of the Sunday school, in which position he continued until his election to the bench. He is today one of the oldest residents of Montezuma in years of continuous connection with the city, and among the men of Poweshiek county who have been long in public service the record of none has been more constant in honor, fearless in conduct and stainless in reputation.

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#### LYMAN DUNLAP TUTTLE.

Lyman Dunlap Tuttle is numbered among the well known and prosperous residents of Madison township whose well directed efforts of former years now make it possible for him to live retired, enjoying in merited retirement a goodly competence. He was born in Peoria county, Illinois, on the 30th of December 1848, a son of Andrew and Betsey A. (Dunlap) Tuttle, natives of Oneida county, New York. The family history in this country can be traced back to William Tuttle, who came to America in 1635. The father, who was born and reared in Oneida county, came west to Illinois in the early '40s and there passed the remaining years of his life, his time and attention being devoted to the occupation of farming. His death occurred in 1904, but his wife had passed away when the subject of this sketch was but six years of age, her death occurring on the old homestead farm in Illinois.

No event of special importance came to vary the routine of life for Lyman Dunlap Tuttle during the period of his boyhood and youth, which was spent on the home place in Peoria county, Illinois. Reared amid the busy activities of rural life he early mastered the tasks that usually fall to the lot of the country lad, and he continued to give his father the benefit of his assistance until he was twenty-two years of age, when he decided to enter the business world independently.

Consequently, in 1871, he came to Iowa, locating on his present farm on section 32, Madison township, Poweshiek county. This farm, consisting of one hundred and sixty acres, had been purchased by his father a few years prior to his arrival here, for six dollars per acre. He at once applied himself to the further development and improvement of this farm, and it was not long ere his unfaltering enterprise, close application and practical methods had brought it under a high state of cultivation. As time passed he labored earnestly, each year witnessing a substantial advance in the business world until, several years ago, he was able to withdraw practically from active life, leaving the actual work of the farm to younger shoulders, while he devoted his attention to the supervision of his affairs. His son is now in charge of the operation of the farm and they are now conducting a very remunerative enterprise. Aside from the raising of a considerable amount of grain annually the place is devoted also to stock-raising purposes, Mr. Tuttle and his son giving their entire time and attention in this direction to the feeding of hogs. This stock, which is of a high grade, is largely shipped to the Chicago market direct, although they deal to some extent with local shippers.



Before coming to Iowa Mr. Tuttle had been married, in Trivoli, Illinois, on the 12th of January, 1871, to Miss Jennie A. Dunton, a daughter of Henry Dunton, and Philena (Conrad) a well known farmer of Bureau county, Illinois, where he and his wife both passed away. Unto this union were born eleven children, but one daughter, Minnie May Luella, passed away in 1875 at the age of six years. The surviving members are as follows: John Bert, a ditching foreman in northern Iowa; George Orie, a resident farmer of Lockney, Texas, who married Clara Miller, of Canton, Illinois, and who passed away leaving four children, Pansy, George, Howard and William; Maude, who married Jay Jewell, a farmer residing on a homestead in Colorado, by whom she has four children, Allen, Viola, Pearl and Lucy; Arthur, a foreman in a glove factory at Kewanee, Illinois, who wedded Miss Jessie Hodge, of that city; Edward W., a tiler and ditcher of Madison township, who married Miss Mary Willett, of Kewanee, Illinois, and who now has one daughter, Grace; Bernard Stanley, operating the homestead farm for his father, who wedded Edna Hiner, a daughter of Jacob Hiner, a farmer of Madison township, one child having been born of this union, Howard Jacob, aged two years; Bessie, who became the wife of Rudy Doran, a farmer of Pleasant township, Poweshiek county; William Harrison, residing at home and engaged in the tiling and draining business with his brother, Edward; Clarence, who is employed as a farm hand in Madison township; and Orris, also working at farm labor near Malcom, Iowa. On the 7th of June, 1906, the mother of this family was called to her final rest, her death occurring on the old home place in Madison township.

Since age conferred upon Mr. Tuttle the right of franchise he has given stalwart support to the republican party and for four years served as township clerk. He was also census enumerator in 1910, and for several years was a member of the school board in district No. 9, the cause of education finding in him a friend and champion. Although over sixty years of age Mr. Tuttle still remains actively interested in the world's work, and no resident of Madison township has ever proved himself more loyal or public-spirited in citizenship.

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### H. H. HANSSEN.

Among Iowa's native sons who are meeting with substantial and well merited success along agricultural lines is numbered H. H. Hanssen, who was born in Davenport, on the 20th of September, 1869.

He is the son of Peter Jacob and Phoebe Wiebka (Stoldt) Hanssen, natives of Germany, the father's birth occurring in Meldorf, Holstein, on the 20th of May, 1840. His parents were Peter and Margaret (Maasen) Hanssen, lifelong residents of the fatherland, where they engaged in farming. Peter Hanssen, Sr., was twice married and had a family of eight children, of whom the eldest, Peter Jacob Hanssen, was the only child by the first marriage, his mother passing away when he was but two years of age. Peter Jacob Hanssen was a young man of twenty-six years when he crossed the Atlantic ocean to the new world in 1866. He landed at New York, but did not tarry on the

eastern coast, making his way direct to Indiana. He remained in that state, however, for only about two months, after which he came to Iowa and for three years was employed in a sawmill at Davenport. At the expiration of that period he took up farming pursuits in Scott county and there continued in that line of activity until 1885. In that year he came to Poweshiek county and located upon a farm which is now the property of H. H. Hanssen. He was most successful in his undertaking and won a substantial measure of success. At one time he owned two hundred and forty acres of land, but he has since sold one hundred and sixty acres to his son, now making his home on a farm of eighty acres located in section 23, Malcom township. He is a member of the Lutheran church and in politics gives his allegiance to the democracy. He is well known throughout the community in which he resides and few men more justly merit the high regard and respect entertained for him by his fellowmen. On the 11th of June, 1866, in Valparaiso, Indiana, he was united in marriage to Miss Phoebe Stoldt, who was born in Meldorf, Holstein, Germany, on the 8th of March, 1836, and came to the United States at the same time that Mr. Hanssen made the journey. In their family are three children, namely: Peter Albert, of Sheridan township; H. H., of this review; and Joanna, the wife of Fred Rehberg, also at Sheridan township, the family circle remaining untouched by the hand of death.

H. H. Hanssen, whose name introduces this sketch, spent the first sixteen years of his life in Davenport, where he attained a good public school education. In 1885 he came with his parents to Poweshiek county, the family home being established in Malcom township, and here he has since continued to reside. He was first engaged in farming in connection with his father, with whom he remained until his marriage, when he took up agricultural pursuits independently, purchasing his present farm from his father, a tract of one hundred and sixty acres on section 22. This is a highly developed farm, upon which Mr. Hanssen and his father have made many improvements, including a large and comfortable house, substantial barns and outbuildings and good fences, and is equipped with a complete water system and all of the modern accessories for facilitating farm labor. Mr. Hanssen engages in general farming and stock-raising and also operates his father's farm of eighty acres. He is a progressive farmer, keeping in touch with modern ideas of agriculture, and his practical methods, close application and wise management are proving potent forces in the attainment of a success which ranks him among the successful and substantial agriculturists of Malcom township.

In 1899 Mr. Hanssen was married to Miss Ella Weise, who was born in Davenport, Iowa, July 20, 1880, and as a little maiden of eight years came to Poweshiek county with her mother. She is a daughter of John and Sophia (Schiller) Weise, both natives of Germany, the former's birth occurring in Hamburg and the latter's at Preetz, Holstein. Mr. Weise passed away in Davenport in 1887, and his wife, who later married William Gropper, now resides at Davenport. Mr. and Mrs. Hanssen have two sons, Lester and Delmar, born on the 10th of July, 1901, and the 15th of June, 1904, respectively.

Mr. Hanssen is democratic in politics but has never sought to figure in public life, preferring to do his duty as a private citizen, and he is highly es-

teemed by his fellow citizens, not only by reason of the success which he has attained along agricultural lines, but also because of his many substantial qualities of manhood.

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### FRANK S. WATSON.

Of good American parentage, Frank S. Watson was given a fair start in life and, as he possesses the essential qualities that lead to success in business affairs, he became the owner of a valuable farm in Washington township. The prosperity which has attended his efforts has been due largely to his good judgment and his practical knowledge of a business with which he has been connected from his earliest recollection.

A native of Poweshiek county, he was born in Sugar Creek township, March 22, 1869, a son of William and Sarah (Cline) Watson. The father was born in Indiana and the mother in Illinois. He came to Poweshiek county, Iowa, as a young man and rented a farm, later purchasing one hundred and sixty acres in Sugar Creek township, upon which he has since lived. Politically he gives his support to the democratic party and, although he has not sought public office, he has served very acceptably as member of the school board. Mrs. Watson died May 5, 1905. She was a woman of many excellent qualities and a consistent member of the Christian church, as is also Mr. Watson. In their family were eight children: Laura, who is deceased; Charles, now living in Grinnell; Frank S., of this review; Arthur, of Sugar Creek township; Alice, who is the wife of John McMickle, of Davis county, Iowa; Frederick, of Antigo, Wisconsin; Robert, also of Sugar Creek township; and Nellie, who married Fred Rivers, of Sugar Creek township.

Frank S. Watson received his early education in the district schools and as he grew up assisted his father upon the home farm. At the age of nineteen he began working out on his own account and continued so doing for some years, thus becoming well acquainted with the various details of agriculture and stock-raising. In 1900 he purchased one hundred and sixty-four acres, upon which he has established his home. Since assuming possession of his place he has made many improvements and by proper rotation of crops has increased the fertility of the soil, the farm now comparing favorably with any other of its area in the county as to general appearance and abundance of harvests.

On the 22d of February, 1893, Mr. Watson was married to Miss Matilda Prosser, a daughter of Daniel D. and Matilda S. (Jenkins) Prosser. Her father was born in Richland county, Ohio, August 18, 1813, while the birth of her mother occurred in Virginia, June 8, 1821. They were married in Indiana and came to Iowa in 1851, first locating in Lynnville, Jasper county, where the father improved a farm of one hundred and sixty-four acres, which was all wild land when it came into his possession. He died on the 24th of January, 1896, and his wife passed away February 5, 1898. They were both earnest and consistent members of the Christian church. In their family

were eight children, namely: Thomas J., now deceased, whose family live in Des Moines; Catherine, the widow of S. B. Faircloth who died in Grinnell; Nancy, the wife of A. R. Faircloth, of Des Moines; George W., also a resident of Des Moines; William, of Grinnell; Margaret, who married F. C. Dickinson and died in Nebraska; Daniel, a resident of Wisconsin; and Matilda, the wife of our subject. One son, William, has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Watson. His natal day was June 22, 1894.

In religious belief Mr. Watson gives his support to the Christian church, believing that the teachings of that denomination very nearly conform to the standard of the new testament. Politically he is in sympathy with the republican party, and is an earnest advocate of its principles as being conducive to the welfare of the nation. However, he is a broad-minded man, and in local affairs votes for the best man, irrespective of party. He has worked persistently, year after year, and his efforts have met with their deserved reward. He possesses the unqualified confidence and regard of those with whom he comes into contact and may be designated as one of the fortunate men of Washington township.

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### JAMES E. McINTIRE.

The life record of James E. McIntire covered almost seventy-three years. He was born in Waveland, Montgomery county, Indiana, September 20, 1831, and died in Montezuma, July 29, 1904, after having lived retired here for twenty years. He came to Iowa in 1849 with his parents, John and Jane (McMains) McIntire, both of whom were born near Lexington, Kentucky, the former in 1801 and the latter about 1811. The father was a son of Alexander and Margaret (Clark) McIntire, the former a native of Tennessee and the latter of Pennsylvania. In the state of his nativity Alexander McIntire spent his youthful days on the farm and then accompanied his parents on their removal to Kentucky, the family home being one of the first established in the present city of Lexington. Following his marriage he devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits, becoming the owner of a large plantation and a number of slaves. Later he cast in his lot with the pioneer settlers of Montgomery county, Indiana, where he carried on farming for many years, taking active part in the work of reclaiming that region for the purposes of civilization. He died at the home of one of his daughters in Montezuma, about 1843, when eighty-seven years of age.

John McIntire, father of James E. McIntire, had been reared to manhood in Kentucky, where a common-school education had been accorded him. He, too, was long identified with agricultural pursuits. About 1827 he was married, in Montgomery county, Indiana, to Jane McMains, a daughter of James McMains, who was born in Ireland. Purchasing land in Indiana, John McIntire there engaged in the cultivation of the soil until his removal to Iowa in 1845, traveling overland with wagons in which were loaded all of his household goods. He was then a man of well-to-do circumstances and secured a farm about five miles west of Montezuma, being one of the first to purchase property





Mrs. Mary McKee

Mrs. Catharine Torby

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Mrs. Catharine McIntire



in Poweshiek county. He afterward added to his holdings until he was the owner of four hundred acres in one body and an almost equal amount in other tracts. He built the first hotel in Montezuma and also erected and conducted the Stanley House. At one time he was the owner of a large grist and saw mill, the first erected in the county, and he continued in the milling business in various portions of the county until a short time prior to his death, when he retired. In 1856 he also became connected with merchandising and for some time figured prominently in commercial connections in Montezuma. His political support was given to the democracy and he served as county commissioner. He died in 1890 in the faith of the Christian church, in which both he and his wife held membership. Her demise occurred in 1870. In their family were nine children: Anne, who became the wife of George Wasson; James E.; John; Margaret, who married Hiram Taylor; Thomas; Perry; Sarah J., the wife of John Furnaugh; Ellen, the wife of Edward Shipley; and Robert.

James E. McIntire was a youth of about eighteen years when the family came to Iowa, arriving in 1849. He aided in the arduous task of developing a farm and when twenty years of age began teaching, which profession he followed for three years. He was qualified for this work by the excellent educational advantages which had been accorded him in Waveland, while wide reading had also added to his knowledge.

On the 16th of October, 1851, James E. McIntire was united in marriage to Miss Catharine Willson. This was the first marriage celebrated in Montezuma and probably the first in the county. Mrs. McIntire was born June 29, 1837, and was a daughter of Gideon and Catharine (Wilson) Willson. Soon after their marriage the young couple located upon a farm of one hundred and sixty acres which had been given him by his father. His wife had also received a generous allowance from her father—a farm of two hundred acres. After spending five years in agricultural pursuits, they removed to Montezuma, where for two years Mr. McIntire operated a mill that belonged to his father. After a few years, however, he returned to a farm, to the cultivation of which he devoted his energies for thirty-one years, and in the meantime won substantial and gratifying success, owing to the careful management of his business interests. At the time of his retirement he was the owner of three hundred and twenty acres, having disposed of much of his property, which at one time amounted to seven hundred and eighty acres.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. McIntire were born nine children, all of whom are graduates of the high school. Mary A., born August 29, 1852, was married February 10, 1870, to Ellis Herrod, who died in Montezuma, and she afterward became the wife of David McKee, of Des Moines. She is now a very wealthy woman. She has reared a family of three children, all of whom are now married and doing well. Catharine J., born March 20, 1854, died December 16, 1872. John G., born March 22, 1856, died December 5, 1872. He was a teacher at the time of his demise and was also studying for the ministry of the Christian church. Nancy E., born April 6, 1859, in Marshalltown, became the wife of E. J. Pimlott and they had four children. After the death of her first husband she married Henry Hersley and had one daughter. Her third husband was Russell Geisler and unto them has been born a son. Sarah E. McIntire, the fifth

member of the family, was born June 17, 1862, and on the 14th of October, 1884, became the wife of William N. Morrison, now of Tulsa, Oklahoma. They are parents of seven children. Isaac N. McIntire, born February 8, 1864, is a graduate of the law department of the Iowa State University and for the past twenty years has been engaged in law practice, being now located at Sheldon, Iowa. He has been married twice and has a son and two daughters. Rev. James R. McIntire, now of Santa Monica, California, was born January 21, 1867, received his education at Oskaloosa, Iowa, at Lexington, Kentucky, and in the Chicago University, and is now a minister of the Christian church. Ida M., born October 14, 1869, became the wife of William Buxton, who was then serving as county recorder of Poweshiek county, but they now reside in Los Angeles, California. Rev. Thomas C. McIntire, the youngest of the family, was born July 16, 1874, and is a minister of the Christian church at Ainsley, Nebraska. He also owns a farm of one thousand acres in that vicinity. All of the sons of this family and their wives as well are college graduates.

Mr. McIntire continued to reside upon the home farm, which he converted into a very valuable property, for more than thirty-one years, and 1894 removed to Montezuma, where he spent his remaining days, his death there occurring on July 29, 1904. He was a devoted member of the Christian church, in which he served as an elder for many years, and in politics he was a staunch democrat and in later years voted the temperance ticket. It is well known that he was true to very honest conviction and nothing could swerve him from the course which he believed to be right. All who knew him trusted him because of his well known integrity and esteemed him because of his sound judgment and his justice. He held friendship inviolable and was most devoted to his family, and throughout the county where he was so widely known his death was most deeply regretted.

Mrs. McIntire still makes her home in Montezuma, where she owns seven good dwellings and other property. Her husband left her most comfortably situated in life and she has done much for her children, of whom she has every reason to be proud. All are well educated and are people of genuine worth who advocate temperance principles and adhere at all times to the right. They are certainly a credit and honor to her name and their lives are also an indication of the teachings of a true Christian woman. Mrs. McIntire is very well known in the county, where she has lived continuously since 1847, and no history of this part of the state would be complete without mention of her and her husband, with whom she so long and happily traveled life's journey.

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#### LOUIS E. HIGDON.

Enterprise, perseverance, ability and industry have been important elements which have contributed to the progress of Louis E. Higdon, who is today one of the respected farmers of Poweshiek county. He is a native of Kentucky and was born in Daviess county, March 9, 1868, a son of James T. and Mary E. (McDaniel) Higdon. The father was also born in Kentucky and the mother is a native of Illinois. They were married in Kentucky, where the father en-



gaged in farming during his entire life. In politics he was in sympathy with the democratic party and in religious views he gave his earnest adherence to the Catholic church. The mother is now living in Kentucky. In their family were fifteen children: Francis, who is deceased; Delia, who is the widow of Ed. Jarboe, of Kentucky; Charles, who now lives at Denver, Colorado; Emma, of Clinton, Iowa; Robert, of Oklahoma; Louis E., the subject of this review; Mattie, the wife of Zach Higdon, of Kentucky; Lillie, the wife of James Devereux, of Adair county, Iowa; Geneva, who is also married; Eloda, the wife of John Neal, of Kentucky; Hilory, of Kentucky; Paul, who lives in Denver, Colorado; and Bernard, Petronella and Thomason, all of whom are deceased.

Louis E. Higdon secured his education in the district schools of his native state and assisted upon his father's farm until after reaching his majority. In 1891, desiring to see the world and also to find a favorable location, he traveled westward to York, Nebraska, and for four years hired out by the month, later continuing to work at monthly wages in Adair county, Iowa. In 1902 he arrived in Poweshiek county, where the outlook appeared quite favorable, and for three years he rented land, which he cultivated on his own account. He then purchased eighty acres. He is a man of great industry and of good business judgment, as is shown by the fact that at the present time he is owner of a farm of two hundred acres of valuable land in this county. He is a general farmer and raises horses, cattle and hogs for the market.

On the 13th of January, 1902, Mr. Higdon was married to Miss Anna Devereux, a daughter of Alexander and Eliza Devereux, of Washington township. Four children have blessed this union: Mary, who was born September 10, 1905; Margaret, born April 18, 1908; James, born June 6, 1909; and Francis, born September 6, 1910.

Mr. Higdon possesses sterling qualities of character, as is attested by his undaunted ambition to obtain a worthy position among his fellowmen. Starting among strangers, without aid from others, he applied himself with undiminished zeal, toiling from month to month and from year to year, even denying himself recreation and many of the ordinary comforts of life, until he felt assured that he was on the way to financial independence. It is through such efforts that many of the most honored men of the nation have won recognition and wrought out their destiny. He early learned to make good use of the strength and talents with which nature endowed him, and he has his reward in his happy home and pleasant surroundings. Politically he is allied with the democratic party and religiously he and his family are devout members of the Catholic church.

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### JOHN F. DRYDEN.

During a residence covering forty-four years in Poweshiek county, John F. Dryden has seen remarkable changes in this section of the state, for when he came here in his early manhood much of the country was still open prairie, uncultivated and uninhabited. Today the country is thickly settled, while there is no waste land to be found and the farms in their splendid appearance, give

evidence of the thrift and industry of the people. Mr. Dryden was born in Adams county, Ohio, September 25, 1841, a son of Samuel M. and Sarah (Sparks) Dryden, the former a native of Virginia, and the latter of Ohio. The wife and mother passed away in Ohio in the year 1846 and the father afterward married again and came with his second wife and five children to Poweshiek county in 1867. Both he and his last wife departed this life in Montezuma. The children are: James, who served for over three years as a member of the Forty-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry and is now residing in Oskaloosa, Iowa; John F., of this review; Mrs. Mary Jane Grice, of Highland county, Ohio; Mrs. Krila Abbott, deceased; and Mrs. Sarah Alice McBride, also of Highland county.

John F. Dryden, whose name introduces this record, was reared in the Buckeye state and when he attained his majority, the Civil war having been inaugurated, he offered his services to the government, becoming a member of the Second Ohio Volunteer Artillery on the 13th of June, 1863. He gave valiant and faithful service for two years and was then discharged on the 12th of May, 1865, owing to injury.

Following his discharge from the army, Mr. Dryden returned to his home in Ohio, where he remained for two years, and then accompanied his father on his removal to Poweshiek county, Iowa. He was soon afterward married and located on the farm which has since been his place of residence, this tract comprising eighty acres on section 24, Pleasant township. He purchased the land from his father, paying for the same three hundred dollars, the latter having paid for it two and a half dollars per acre. Mr. Dryden at once set to work to improve and cultivate his land and in course of time he had it divided into fields of convenient size and planted with the various grains best suited to the soil and climate of Iowa, while his buildings were constructed with a view to convenience and durability. Today his land is worth two hundred dollars per acre. He is here engaged in general farming and his labors are bringing him a merited measure of success.

Mr. Dryden was married April 28, 1869, the lady of his choice being Miss Mary Hennicutt, who was born in Clinton, Ohio, October 13, 1846. She accompanied her parents, Abel and Ann (Hagan) Hennicutt, to Henry county, Iowa. They were both natives of Virginia but were married in Ohio. The father departed this life in Salem, Iowa, but the mother still survives and now makes her home in Montezuma. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Dryden have been born three sons and two daughters, namely: Fred, who is still under the parental roof; Burtie, who died at the age of seven years; Eva D., at home; Krila, the wife of Hershel Smothers, of Pleasant township; and Arthur, who is at home. All were born on the home farm.

Mr. Dryden gives his political support to the republican party and served as assessor of his township for three or four terms, while he has also been a member of the school board. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in

the Methodist Episcopal church and his fraternal relations connect him with the Odd Fellows Lodge, No. 74, at Montezuma, while he maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades through his membership in Wisner Post, No. 127, G. A. R., at Montezuma. He is well known as a pioneer of the county and as a most industrious and useful man, whose probity is an unquestioned element in his character.

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### W. W. GWINN.

W. W. Gwinn, who for the past four years has capably and acceptably filled the office of steward of the Poweshiek county farm, is one of Iowa's native sons, almost his entire life having been spent within the borders of Poweshiek county. His birth occurred near Victor, Warren township, this county, on the 9th of December, 1859, his parents being Sampson C. and Sarah A. (Morgan) Gwinn. They were born in Holmes county, Ohio, and Pennsylvania respectively and in childhood were brought by their parents to Poweshiek county, Iowa. Sampson C. Gwinn was the son of John Gwinn, a native of Ohio, who came to Iowa in 1848, about the same time that the Talbott, Manatt and Snook families located here, and with them was numbered among the first settlers of his section of the county. He entered large tracts of land here and gave farms to all of his children, his family consisting of six sons and six daughters, all now deceased. His death occurred in Warren township. Several years after coming to this county with his parents Sampson C. Gwinn entered land from the government here, which property is still in possession of the family. He was a farmer by occupation and made his home upon one of his government claims, consisting of two hundred and twenty acres in Warren township, upon which he and his wife spent the remaining days of their lives. In their family were five children, as follows: Frank B., now deceased; Henry W., of Kansas City, Kansas; M. D., of Warren township; W. W., of this review; and May, also of Warren township.

On the old homestead in Warren township W. W. Gwinn spent the period of his boyhood and youth, and he remained with his parents until the time of his marriage, when he took up farming independently. In 1882 he went to South Dakota and there entered land from the government, proving a homestead claim, and to the improvement and cultivation of that property he devoted the succeeding five years. In 1887 he sold his farm, however, and returned to Poweshiek county, Iowa, locating upon one of his father's farms. Subsequently he purchased a tract of fifty acres in Warren township, upon which he took up his abode and which is yet in his possession. That farm remained his home for about twenty years, and there he carried on general agricultural pursuits, giving his entire time and attention to the development of his property, which under his wise management and close application became one of the neat, attractive and desirable farms of that section. In 1907, however, he laid aside his personal interests to accept the position of steward of Poweshiek county farm, to which he had been appointed by the board of supervisors. He has since concentrated his energies upon the discharge of the duties of that office and is bringing to

bear the same close application, business ability and common sense which characterized his conduct of his private affairs. His interests are now thoroughly identified with those of the institution with which he is connected and the efficient and satisfactory manner in which he is managing its affairs is proving to all concerned that the choice for that office was a wise one.

On the 21st of August, 1879, Mr. Gwinn was united in marriage to Miss Virginia Price, who was born in Scott county, Iowa, and was called from this life on the 25th of May, 1904. At her death she left four children, as follows: Eva M., now the wife of Edgar Hicks, of Fort Collins, Colorado; Edna M., who married Charles Rohrer, of Victor, Iowa; Blanche, the wife of William Norton, of Hartwick, who is assisting Mr. Gwinn in the management of the county farm; and C. P., at home. On the 11th of April, 1906, Mr. Gwinn was again married, his second union being with Miss Florence Easten, a native of Poweshiek county.

Interested as all American citizens should be in the political situation of the country, Mr. Gwinn has thoroughly informed himself concerning the questions and issues of the day and gives stalwart support to the republican party. He is well known in the locality in which he has resided for almost a half century and the principles which have governed his life in business, private or public relations have ever done credit to a representative of one of the oldest and most honored names of Poweshiek county.

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#### LEWIS E. WHITE.

A thoroughly developed farm of forty acres pays tribute to the labors of Lewis E. White, who has spent his entire life in Poweshiek county. He comes of good Quaker parentage and in the course of his experience in business, extending through a period of ten or twelve years, and also in private affairs, he has ever aimed to be controlled by the gentle teachings under which he was reared.

He was born on his parents' farm in Washington township, July 22, 1872, being a son of Thomas J. and Caroline J. (Patterson) White. The father was born in Indiana; the mother at Portland, Maine, on February 18, 1853. They were married in Poweshiek county, Mr. White having come to this county with his parents in his boyhood. The family located in Sugar Creek township and there he grew to manhood, receiving his education in the district schools. He engaged in farming in this county for many years and is now identified with the same occupation in Jasper county, having reached the age of sixty-seven years. His study of public questions has convinced him that the saloon is the great evil of the country and, therefore, he is a pronounced prohibitionist, being also a valued member of the Society of Friends and a man of great influence wherever he is known. There were four children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. White: Lewis E., of this review; Edwin, who now lives at Kellogg, Iowa; Lila, who is the wife of Arthur Cope, of New Sharon, Iowa; and Roy R., of Jasper county.



Lewis E. White attended the public schools of Washington township in his boyhood, and later took advantage of instruction for one year at the Grinnell high school. He assisted in the work upon the home farm until he reached the age of twenty years. He then began working for wages upon neighboring farms and continued so doing for four years. At the end of this time he associated with his father in farming but, after another period of four years, having acquired sufficient capital and desiring to become independent he purchased forty acres of land, upon which he established his homestead. He has erected buildings and improved his place in many ways, making it one of the most productive farms of its size in this part of the county. He uses good judgment in his work and each year witnesses an increase in his prosperity.

On the 24th of April, 1901, Mr. White was married to Miss Nellie D. Harbison, of Poweshiek county, who was born September 8, 1882, a daughter of George W. and Jennie (Edwards) Harbison. Her father was born in Pennsylvania and her mother in England. He engaged in farming in the Keystone state and, being attracted westward, came to Iowa and worked in coal mines in the southern part of the state. Subsequently he located in Washington township, Poweshiek county, upon land which he purchased and cultivated, and which produced generous returns. He then moved to Grinnell township, where he died, the mother also being deceased. Politically he gave his support to the republican party. At the time of the Civil war he was a valiant soldier for the Union, and later held membership in the Grand Army of the Republic. Five children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. White: Raymond E., who was born May 12, 1902; Harold E., born October 9, 1903; Martha B., born September 9, 1905; Ruth, born June 4, 1908; and Alice Viola, born July 21, 1910.

Mr. White has made an excellent start as a farmer and conducts his place in such a way that each year adds to his prosperity, and he is regarded as one of the rising young men of this section. Energetic and efficient, always mindful of his duties to others, and known as a progressive and useful citizen, he is a credit to his county and state.

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#### MYRON A. SEARS.

Myron A. Sears is now operating one of the valuable farm properties of Chester township, owned by his father's estate. It is situated in section 10 and is provided with facilities which are considered essential in an up-to-date farm. He has shown a practical knowledge of his business and although he is a young man, he has won a high standing and enjoys success which is the result of well directed effort. He was born in Chester township, January 25, 1881, and is a son of Milton A. and Etta F. (Bacon) Sears, the former a native of New York state and the latter of Vermont. The father removed from New York to Grinnell, Iowa, where he later became connected with the implement business under the title of Fuller & Sears, continuing in that line about six years. He died in 1908, at the age of fifty-two, but the mother is now living at Grinnell.

Myron A. Sears attended the common schools and took advanced work, including several histories, algebra and bookkeeping. After laying aside his books he worked at the carpenter's trade for a year, at the end of which time, in 1903, he began farming in Chester township at his present location, where he cultivates one hundred and sixty acres. He engages principally in feeding livestock for the market, raising hay and grain for this purpose, and his labors return to him a gratifying annual income.

On the 9th of December, 1903, Mr. Sears was united in marriage to Miss Edith L. Palmer, who is a graduate of Grinnell Academy. She is a daughter of Anson and Abi F. (Alden) Palmer, the former of whom was born in Ohio and the latter at Montour, Iowa. Mrs. Sears on the mother's side is a direct descendant of John and Priscilla Alden of Mayflower fame. Three children have come to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Sears: Margaret E., Anson A. and Howard A., all of whom are living at home.

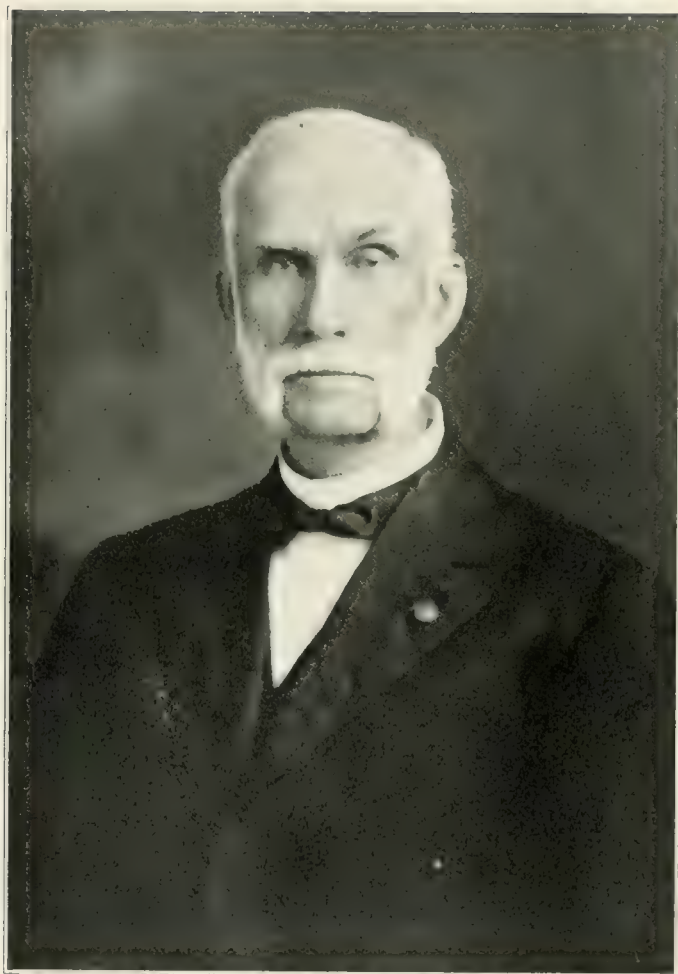
Ever since he reached maturity Mr. Sears has given his close attention to agriculture and stock-raising, and having employed the best known methods, his farm has become one of the most productive of its area in the township. His study and observation of affairs have convinced him of the evils of the liquor traffic and he therefore casts his ballot in support of the prohibition party. He is a staunch advocate of education and has served as school director, being at all times in favor of the employment of none but thoroughly competent teachers. He has never been afraid to work and has found in industry and persistent application the road to prosperity.

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#### H. F. MORTON.

H. F. Morton is a lawyer of Montezuma, whose life has been largely spent in public service, his fidelity in office winning him the high regard of his fellow townsmen. He was born in Guernsey county, Ohio, March 18, 1845, his parents being Morris and Sarah (Ferrell) Morton, the former born in Pennsylvania in 1818, the latter a native of Ohio. When a youth of ten years Morris Morton went to Ohio, was there married and spent his remaining days in the Buckeye state, devoting his life to farming. His death occurred in 1884 and his wife passed away some time later. In their family were four sons and three daughters, one of whom, W. H. Morton, now deceased, was a soldier of the Ninety-seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry during the Civil war.

H. F. Morton, who was the third in order of birth, resided upon the home farm until at the age of nineteen years he offered his services to the government in defense of the Union, enlisting at Fairview, Guernsey county, Ohio, as a member of Company C, One Hundred and Seventy-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He served under Captain James A. Coleman for one hundred days and was then honorably discharged on the 3d of September, 1864. He afterward devoted the summer months to farming and in the winter seasons engaged in teaching in the country schools. He also spent one year as a teacher in the graded schools of Quaker City, Ohio. He further promoted his own edu-



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cation immediately after the war by attending college at New Sharon, Noble county, Ohio, of which his brother, the Rev. W. H. Morton, was then principal. During one term of teaching H. F. Morton conducted his school in one of the old time log schoolhouses. He taught altogether for about ten winter terms and in the summer months worked at farm labor. His leisure hours during the last three years of that decade were devoted to the study of law with the intention of devoting the remainder of his life to its practice and in September, 1877, he was admitted to the bar at Cambridge, Ohio.

In September, 1878, Mr. Morton came to Montezuma, where he has since practiced his profession. His time has not been given solely, however, to private practice, for he has been again and again called to public office and has done excellent service for his fellow townsmen in this connection. He served as mayor of the city for one term and was clerk of the district court for six years. Previously he had filled the office of justice of the peace and on his retirement from the position of district court clerk he again became judge of the justice court, over which he has presided continuously since 1880 with the exception of six years. He has been secretary of the school board for ten or twelve years and is still the incumbent in that office. He is a director and the vice president of the Montezuma Savings Bank and is the owner of valuable property holdings. The town of Guernsey was located on a quarter section of land that he owned but he has sold off all of this with the exception of thirty acres for town lots. He also has a number of properties in Montezuma and his life on the whole has been a most successful one.

In 1882 occurred the marriage of Mr. Morton and Miss Laura J. Mullikin, who was born in Indiana and came to Poweshiek county with her parents, James and Mary Mullikin. Mr. and Mrs. Morton have two children: Gertrude, who is pursuing the library course in the Illinois State University at Champaign; and Winifred, who is a student in the State Teachers' College at Cedar Falls, Iowa. The parents hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, in which Mr. Morton is now serving as a trustee. He also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Grand Army of the Republic and has ever given his political support to the republican party, thus following in the footsteps of his father, who was one of the early advocates of the party. Mr. Morton is regarded as a dependable man in any relation and in any emergency, and strong character and honorable purpose have placed him in a most creditable position in the regard of his fellow citizens.

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#### S. A. CRAVATH, M. D.

Dr. S. A. Cravath, one of the prominent and respected residents of Grinnell, is serving as the president of the Merchants National Bank. His birth occurred in Conneaut, Pennsylvania, on the 27th of September, 1836, his parents being James and Emily (Davis) Cravath, both of whom were natives of New York. He lost his father when but a few months old and when eight years of age was left an orphan by the death of his mother. Entering the

home of an uncle and aunt, he lived with them until 1851 and in that year entered Oberlin College at Oberlin, Ohio, which institution conferred upon him the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1858. During his collegiate years he also followed the profession of teaching, acting a part of the time as an instructor at college in order to defray the expenses of his course. Following his graduation he continued educational work for five years, teaching in Madison Seminary at Madison, Ohio, for three years, while for two years he acted as superintendent of the Marion (Ohio) city schools.

At the time of the outbreak of the Civil war Dr. Cravath could not enlist because of a broken shoulder. Being told that he could be used if he had a medical degree, he immediately took up the study of medicine and was graduated from the Cincinnati Medical College with the class of 1865. When hostilities had ceased he located for practice in Springfield, Ohio, where he remained for three years.

In the fall of 1867 he came to Iowa, locating in Mitchell, Mitchell county, where he successfully followed his profession until 1872. During his residence there he became identified with journalistic interests and, after insistent urging on the part of the town's leading men, took charge of and edited the local paper for two years. He found the work congenial and in 1872 came to Grinnell and purchased the Grinnell Herald, publishing that sheet until he disposed of it in 1894. While still a factor in journalism he became one of the organizers of the Grinnell Savings Bank, of which institution he was later made president and director. On the organization of the Merchants National Bank he became a stockholder thereof. In 1897 or 1898 he resigned the presidency of the Grinnell Savings Bank and soon thereafter was chosen the chief executive officer of the Merchants National Bank. However, he still retains an interest in the savings bank and is yet a director of the institution. A wide-awake, energetic business man, he has done much to promote the interests of the institutions with which he is connected and has become thoroughly conversant with every department of banking. He keeps well posted on the financial interests of the country and in his management of affairs has followed a safe, conservative policy which has won the commendation and gained the confidence of the general public.

On the 11th of July, 1860, in the church of the Rev. Albert Barnes at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Dr. Cravath was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Raley, of Hanoverton, Ohio, by whom he had three children. The only surviving child is James R. Cravath, now an electrical engineer of Chicago, Illinois, who for several years has been an editorial writer for the Electrical World. Mrs. Cravath also reared one of her nieces, Ella B., who is still in the Doctor's home. All three were devoted members of the Congregational church. After a happy married life of over fifty years the wife died on the 25th of February, 1911.

Dr. Cravath has made his home in Grinnell for almost four decades and is widely recognized as one of the city's most esteemed and leading residents. He has now passed the seventy-fourth milestone on life's journey and can look back upon an active, useful and honorable career. He was a trustee of the college for several years and a member of the public school board about half the

time of his residence in Grinnell. He also served as postmaster under President Harrison and has been president of the Building, Loan & Savings Association.

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### ROBERT A. SAUNDERS.

Robert A. Saunders, who is one of the successful agriculturists of Union township, was born near the farm where he now resides on the 17th of April, 1857, and is a son of Aaron A. and Harriet E. (Dudley) Saunders. The parents were natives of Greene county, Ohio, the father's natal day being the 13th of May, 1820, and that of the mother the 16th of April, 1830. After the completion of his education the father engaged in farming, and he also learned the carpenter's trade. In 1851 he migrated west, locating in Union township, Poweshiek county, where he acquired eighty acres of land, which he immediately began to cultivate. As time passed he was able to extend the boundaries of his farm, which embraced two hundred and thirty-one acres at the time of his demise. He passed away on the 19th of November, 1880, but the mother survived him until the 4th of February, 1899. Their family numbered nine children: Mary S., the wife of P. A. Hayes, of Montezuma, Iowa; Irvin S., of Searsboro; Nancy S., who became the wife of Jasper N. Marsh, of Montezuma; James M., who is a resident of Searsboro; Robert A., our subject; Isaac H., also of Poweshiek county; Richard A., who is living in Lorimor, Iowa; Harry S., of Searsboro; and Ernest F., of Union township. The parents affiliated with the Christian church. The father was a republican and served his township in both the capacity of trustee and assessor for several years.

At the usual age Robert A. Saunders began his education in the district schools, which he continued to attend until he had mastered the common branches. Being reared on a farm his early energies were largely directed along the discharge of the easier and lighter chores of the homestead, until he had laid aside his studies, following which his entire time was devoted to agricultural pursuits, with the exception of one year, when he taught one term of school in his township. He remained at home until his father's death and then he and his brother Isaac H., bought the interest of the other heirs in the farm, which they have ever since operated. The land is very fertile and productive, but nevertheless is always given the supervision which yields abundant harvests. In connection with the tilling of their fields Mr. Saunders and his brother devote considerable attention to the breeding and raising of stock.

On the 5th of October, 1881, Mr. Saunders was married to Miss Ida E. Draper, a daughter of William T., and Mary A. (Thraikill) Draper, who was born in Elmwood, Illinois, on the 10th of December, 1860. Mr. Draper, who was a saddle and harness-maker, came to Montezuma, where he followed his trade until 1880, when he went to Denver, Colorado. After remaining there for a short time he removed to Sherman county, Nebraska, going from there to Loup City, where he passed away. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and he also affiliated



with the G. A. R. He was a veteran of both the Mexican and Civil wars. His political support he always gave to the democratic party. Mr. and Mrs. Saunders have one daughter, Mrs. Amy A. Cox, who was born August 21, 1882, and with her two children is now living with her parents. Her children are Bertha G., born January 13, 1904; and Alice C., born January 26, 1906.

Mr. Saunders' political views coincide with those of the progressive faction of the republican party, and he served for a long period as township committeeman. For ten years he was assessor. Both he and his wife attend the Christian church, of which Mrs. Saunders is a member. He is one of the well known and highly regarded representatives of the pioneer families, being recognized as an able business man and estimable citizen.

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#### MISS ETHEL M. MALCOLM.

Popular prejudice is fast breaking down and popular opinion is daily becoming stronger in regard to the capability of women for public office. That Poweshiek county has taken a progressive stand on this question is indicated in the fact that Miss Ethel M. Malcolm is now filling the position of county recorder to which she was elected in 1908 and reelected in 1910. That she is well equipped for the duties of the position none question, and at the same time she has the attractive womanly qualities which make her socially a favorite. She was born in Deep River township, this county, November 10, 1876, her parents being Albertis and Lydia A. (Rose) Malcolm, who are now residents of Montezuma.

Her father was born near Cambridge, Henry county, Illinois, February 8, 1845, a son of Norman and Cynthia (Cady) Malcolm, the former of whom was born in Ontario, Canada, in 1818, and the latter in Allegany county, New York, July 19th of the same year. They were married in Michigan, and in 1840 became residents of Henry county, Illinois, where they lived for many years. The death of Mrs. Cynthia Malcolm there occurred on the 13th of May, 1862, while Norman Malcolm passed away at Ames, Iowa, when about eighty years of age. He had devoted his entire life to farming. After losing his first wife he was married twice, and by his second union had two children. By his third marriage there was one child.

Albertis Malcolm was fourth of the nine children born of his father's first marriage, the others being: Mrs. Elma Waterman, now deceased; Stephen, of Belle Plaine, Iowa, who served in the Forty-second Illinois Infantry in the Civil war; Charles, of Cambridge, Illinois, who was born February 26, 1843, and was a member of the One Hundred and Thirty-second Illinois Regiment in the Civil war; Harriet, the widow of Allen Stackhouse, of Plains, Montana; Brainard, deceased; Italy, who is the widow of Nathan Moore, of Tacoma, Washington; Gene, living on the old homestead at Cambridge, Illinois; and Frank, of Montezuma.

Albertis Malcolm resided on the farm with his parents until he enlisted from Henry county on the 18th of February, 1864, as a member of Company D,



One Hundred and Twelfth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until the close of the war, being mustered out July 13, 1865. He took part in the engagements at Town Creek and Fort Anderson, North Carolina, and Franklin, Duck River and Nashville, Tennessee, and many others. After the war he returned to Henry county, Illinois, and resumed farming with his parents. In 1866 he was married and in 1868 removed to Missouri. After two years he came to Poweshiek county, settling on a farm in Deep River township which he continued to cultivate until 1887, when he went to Colorado and there spent several months, after which he returned to this county, but later was for two years a resident of Des Moines. For twenty-one years, however, he has resided continuously in Montezuma. His political allegiance is given to the republican party. His fraternal relations are with the Grand Army of the Republic and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and his religious faith is evidenced in his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church.

In 1866 Albertis Malcolm was married to Lydia Ann Rose, who was born in Sullivan county, New York, September 11, 1842. When thirteen years of age she accompanied her parents to Jasper county, Iowa, later to Henry county, Illinois, and just before her marriage spent two years in New York. She is a daughter of John and Elizabeth P. (Mott) Rose, both natives of Sullivan county, New York. Mrs. Rose, who was born July 1, 1818, died January 28, 1883. Mr. Rose, who was born March 31, 1811, is now living in Montezuma at the remarkable old age of one hundred years, making his home with Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm since the death of his wife. So far as is known he is the oldest man residing in Poweshiek county. His physical and mental condition are good. Occasionally he walks down town alone. His eyesight is good and he has remarkable hearing for one of his years. In the fall of 1870 he came to this county from Illinois and was actively engaged in farming until seventy years of age, after which he devoted a number of years to gardening. In his young manhood he was an expert raftsmen in the lumber regions of New York and throughout his life has been a hard working man. His family numbered seven children: Henry M., of Montana; Melissa M., the wife of G. C. Banning, of Carbondale, Colorado; Mrs. Lydia A. Malcolm; Mrs. Martha Augusta Wallace, of Bancroft, Idaho; William Blake, who died at the age of three years; Herbert Edgar, living at Malcolm, this county; and Mrs. Elvira Theresa O'Brian, of Cedar Rapids.

Mrs. Albertis Malcolm is the first cousin of John R. Mott, the distinguished lecturer, who has been heard from the lecture platform all over the world. He is a Christian worker, particularly prominent in the Young Men's Christian Association, and was chairman of the World Missionary Conference "In Committee" and chairman of the continuation committee appointed at Edinburgh.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Albertis Malcolm have been born four children: James Edgar, who was born August 5, 1870, and died March 21, 1900; Albertis Roy, who was born July 8, 1874, and died November 3, 1877; Ethel May, of whom mention is made below; and Elsie Lillian, who was born March 7, 1879, and is now the wife of T. C. Davis, of Montezuma. She is acting as deputy county recorder under her sister.

Miss Malcolm whose name introduces this review resided at the place of her birth until about ten years of age when her parents removed to Colorado, there spending about a year. She afterward lived with the family at Des Moines for a few years and then came to Montezuma. During this period she had attended school in the different places and was graduated from the high school in the different places and was graduated from the high school of Montezuma with the class of 1896. She afterward devoted two years to teaching in the country schools and later pursued a course of study in a business college. For a time she was employed in the law office of Judge Lewis, and later worked for E. J. Lewis in the abstract office and also for the Poweshiek County Abstract Company. By H. R. Bernard, then county recorder, she was appointed to the position of deputy recorder on the 1st of January, 1907, and filled that position for two years. In the latter part of 1908 she was elected county recorder and was reelected in 1910, entering upon her second term on the 1st of January, 1911. She has proven most capable and efficient in the office as is indicated in the fact that she was again chosen for the position by popular suffrage. Her work is promptly, faithfully and systematically done and her course has won her the high commendation and warm regard of the business men and the general public. She is also well known in the social circles of the city and is a valued member of the Rebekah Lodge, the Woman's Auxiliary of the Odd Fellows Society, and is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church and a representative of its choir.

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#### ERNEST F. SAUNDERS.

Ernest F. Saunders, who is meeting with success in stock-raising and general farming in Union township, was born in this township on the 14th of May, 1873, being a son of Aaron A. and Harriet E. (Dudley) Saunders.

Born and reared on a farm Ernest F. Saunders acquired his preliminary education in the district schools of Poweshiek county, this later being supplemented by a year's attendance at Palmer College at Le Grand, Iowa. After completing his education he taught for a year. He then decided that he preferred to adopt agriculture for his life vocation. He subsequently purchased fifty acres of land, later adding to this another tract of sixty-one acres, making the aggregate of his landed possessions one hundred and eleven acres. Mr. Saunders devotes the cultivation of his fields to those cereals he deems best adapted for the feeding of his stock, as he is making a specialty of the breeding and raising of thoroughbred Poland China hogs and cattle.

Mr. Saunders was united in marriage to Miss Lillie M. Allen, a daughter of William L. Allen, and unto them have been born three daughters: Erma N., who was born on the 3d of January, 1898; Letha E., whose birth occurred on the 17th of July, 1899; and Effie T., who was born on the 18th of May, 1908.

Mr. and Mrs. Saunders are earnest and helpful members of the Christian church, of which he is one of the trustees, and fraternally he is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias lodge of Montezuma. His political views coincide

with those of the progressive faction of the republican party, and he always finds time to assist in the government of his township. He is now serving as clerk and he is also president of the school board. Mr. Saunders takes a great interest in all educational matters and, in addition to his other duties, is a member of the board of trustees of Palmer College. He is well known in Union township, where he has spent practically his entire life, and meets to the best of his ability the requirements of good citizenship by espousing the adoption of every movement which he feels will in any way tend to advance the moral or intellectual welfare of the community.

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### THOMAS A. HARRIS.

An excellent farm of one hundred and sixty acres, located in Chester township, pays a splendid tribute to the well directed efforts of Thomas A. Harris, one of the progressive and prosperous agriculturists of this part of Poweshiek county. He is one of Iowa's foreign born citizens, his birth occurring in Stanton, St. Gabriels, Dorsetshire, England, on the 18th of February, 1868, his parents being James and Elizabeth (Slade) Harris. The former, also a native of the "Merrie Isle," was born on the 28th of November, 1838, and like his father, James Harris, devoted his life to the occupation of farming. On the maternal side, however, the family was largely connected with the army and navy of England, and the ancestry can be traced back through seven generations. The old homestead of the Slades, located in Stanton, St. Gabriels, has been handed down from one generation to another for more than one hundred years. A brother of Mrs. Harris was a veteran of the Crimean war, and her cousin, Sir John Slade, was a general in the English army. Another representative of the name, Sir Fred Slade, a barrister, would have been appointed judge if he had lived another month. Sir Adolphus Slade was sent by the English government as ambassador to Turkey, and while serving in that country was given the title of Muchia Pasha. James Harris passed away in 1872, and his wife continued to reside in England until 1890, when she came to this country with her son, with whom she has continued to make her home.

Thomas A. Harris is indebted to the public school system of his native country for the educational advantages which he enjoyed. He spent the period of his boyhood and youth on his father's farm, early becoming familiar with the best methods of plowing, planting and harvesting. For eight years he was employed as a farm hand and then, determining to seek the opportunities of the new world, he crossed the Atlantic to America in 1890, and came to Poweshiek county, Iowa. During the first four years of his residence in this country he was employed at farm work by the month, and then, desiring that his efforts should more directly benefit himself, he rented a farm in connection with his brother, Edgar J. Harris, which they operated jointly for eleven years.

In 1905 he invested in his present farm, a fine tract of one hundred and sixty acres, all in one body, located on section 11, Chester township. He is also the owner of another tract of eighty acres south of the home place, and



is extensively engaged in general farming, cultivating the cereals best adapted to soil and climate. He also gives considerable attention to his livestock interests, making a specialty of feeding cattle and hogs. Prosperity has come to him in his undertaking for he has so managed his affairs as to bring forth the best results possible. He has watched every detail of his business, has employed progressive and modern methods in the conduct of his enterprises, and has manifested those qualities which are resultant forces in the attainment of success along any line of activity—industry, energy, perseverance and integrity. He also has other interests aside from his agricultural business, having been one of the organizers of the Senora Telephone Company, of which institution he is now serving as secretary and treasurer.

In January, 1896, Mr. Harris was united in marriage to Miss Katharine M. Schmidt, a daughter of William Schmidt, a native of Germany. Mr. Schmidt, who followed the occupation of farming during his active career, is now living retired, making his home in Tama. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Harris are five children: Frank A., Esther R., Raymond William, Lilly M. and Harvey Thomas.

Mr. Harris is a member of the Episcopal church of England, of which he is a loyal supporter and of which he has served as trustee for many years. He gives stalwart allegiance to the republican party but has never sought public office, the only public capacity in which he has served being that of school director. He is numbered among Chester township's valued and honored citizens, for he has not only been progressive and successful in business, but has also been a factor in the public life of the community, supporting many public movements and taking a commendable interest in all those things which have to do with the betterment of the district along material, political, intellectual and moral lines.

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### JAMES D. BOYACK.

Eight years ago James D. Boyack came to Poweshiek county and established himself on a farm which he purchased in Grinnell township. He is now the possessor of one of the finest farms in the county and through his industry, perseverance and clear judgment has attained a large measure of prosperity. He is a native of Scotland, and was born April 4, 1850, a son of William and Jane (Doig) Boyack, both of whom were born in Scotland. The parents came to the United States in 1852 and lived for four years at Rockford, Illinois, the father being employed as salesman in a lumber yard. He then removed to Independence, Iowa, and entered about three hundred acres of government land, upon which he lived until his death, which occurred in July, 1902, when he had arrived at the advanced age of eighty-two years. The beloved wife and mother was called away January 1, 1889, at the age of sixty-four years. Mr. Boyack, Sr., politically gave his support to the republican party. He was an active factor in local politics and for many years an office holder. He was a man of many sterling characteristics and exerted a strong influence for good wherever he was known.





MR. AND MRS. J. D. BOYACK



James D. Boyack was brought to America with his parents in his infancy and grew up under the favorable conditions of country life. He received his education in the common schools and after arriving at maturity continued with his father, assisting upon the home farm. When he was about twenty-five years of age he began upon his own account by buying one hundred and sixty acres of land adjoining his father's place. He cultivated this land to such good advantage that he later became the owner of two hundred and eighty acres, which produced a handsome annual revenue. However, he was attracted to Poweshiek county as a more favorable location, and in 1903 he sold his farm and bought one hundred and sixty acres in this county, which he has improved and developed on modern lines, making it a highly desirable property.

On May 14, 1883, Mr. Boyack was united in marriage to Miss Anna M. Williams, a daughter of William and Ann (Minard) Williams, of Herefordshire, England. She came to America with relatives when she was ten years of age and was reared and educated in this country. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Boyack: Breeze E., a graduate of Grinnell College; George W., who is in the sophomore class of the State Agricultural College at Ames, Iowa; and Grace L., who is now living at home.

Mr. Boyack is an ardent supporter of the republican party, believing that its principles are essential to the permanency and prosperity of the country. He has served in various offices, both in Buchanan and Poweshiek counties, and for four years served as township trustee in this county. He and his family are members of the Congregational church. Mrs. Boyack is a lady of unusual intellectual attainments and before her marriage engaged, with marked success, for five years as a school-teacher. The home over which she presides is one of the popular gathering places of the township and is the abode of genuine hospitality and true kindness.

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### JAMES S. ROLLINS.

Among the old soldiers of the Civil war now living in honored retirement is James S. Rollins of Grinnell. He engaged successfully in farming and stock-raising in Grinnell township for more than thirty years and for six years past he has been a valued citizen of Grinnell. He was born in Kennebec county, Maine, November 26, 1836, and is a son of Levi and Julia (Smart) Rollins, who were also natives of Maine. The father, who was a farmer, spent his entire life in the Pine Tree state. In politics he gave his support for many years to the democratic party but later became an earnest adherent of the republican party. He died in April, 1882, his beloved wife being called away thirty-two years previously in 1850.

James S. Rollins received his education in the common schools of his native state. In the spring of 1857 he came to Iowa and located in Cedar county, where he engaged in farming. However, the Civil war interfered with his plans and on the 13th of August, 1862, he enlisted in Company B, Twenty-fourth Iowa Infantry. The regiment participated in many important battles and lesser en-

gements, and Private Rollins took part in the siege and battles of Vicksburg; in the Red River campaign; in the Shenandoah Valley campaign; and in the movements around the city of Savannah. After the close of the war, on July 17, 1865, he was honorably discharged and mustered out of service at Savannah and returned to farming in Cedar county. In 1875 he came to Poweshiek county and located on a farm in Grinnell township, a mile and one-half west of Grinnell. There he lived for thirty years and one month, at the end of which time he took up his residence in Grinnell.

On January 3, 1860, Mr. Rollins was united in marriage in Cedar county to Miss Matilda J. Fuller, who was born in Ohio. She is a daughter of Spencer S. Fuller, who came to Iowa with his family in 1853 and located on a farm in Cedar county. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Rollins, namely: John S., who is a graduate of the Grinnell high school and is now married and engaged in farming in Grinnell township; and Ann, also a graduate of the high school, who is now Mrs. Buchanan, her husband being a well known farmer and stock-raiser of Montour, Iowa.

Politically Mr. Rollins ever since reaching manhood has given his support to the republican party. He cast his first ballot for Abraham Lincoln for president of the United States, an act of which he has always been very proud. He has served as school director and also most acceptably as assessor of Grinnell township. Fraternally, he holds membership in Gordon Granger Post, No. 64, of Grinnell. He is now in the seventy-fifth year of his age and the repose he enjoys is well earned as he has bravely endeavored to perform his duty and therefore deserves the good-will of all right-minded and liberty loving people.

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#### ALBERT LIVEZEY.

Albert Livezey, now in a hospital at Mount Pleasant, Iowa, was for many years prominently identified with the agricultural development of Poweshiek county. He was connected with farming, a vocation for which he was eminently fitted by natural taste and training, and he was known as one of the most successful farmers in his section of the county.

He was born at Newcastle, Henry county, Indiana, November 17, 1850, a son of Ezekiel and Eliza (Hughes) Livezey, both of whom were natives of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The father learned the blacksmith's trade in Pennsylvania and removed to Indiana, where he engaged in farming. Subsequently he came with his family to Poweshiek county and here both he and his wife passed the remainder of their lives. In politics he was a supporter of the republican party and in religious views was in hearty sympathy with the doctrines and usages of the Society of Friends. There were three children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Livezey: George, deceased; Albert; and Emily, who is now the wife of Monroe Efner, of Nebraska.

Albert Livezey was educated in the public schools of Newcastle, Indiana, and as a boy gave evidence of many generous and noble traits of character. He came to Poweshiek county with his parents and engaged in farming with



such success that in 1883 he was enabled to purchase one hundred and twenty acres, which became the family homestead. He improved his place by the erection of buildings and fences and by drainage and the rotation of crops, so that it became highly productive and his labors were abundantly rewarded. He followed general farming and stock-raising.

On the 24th of December, 1878, Mr. Livezey was married in Washington township to Miss Mary E. Murphy, a daughter of James and Nancy (Jenkins) Murphy, both of whom were born in Morgan county, Virginia. The father was a blacksmith and carpenter and also engaged in farming. He took up his residence in Brown county, Indiana, where he became a man of considerable prominence, continuing to reside in that county until his death. The mother subsequently came to Iowa and died at Lucas. Politically Mr. Murphy gave his support to the democratic party and served as road supervisor of his township. He was an earnest member of the Baptist church in which he filled the office of deacon.

By a former marriage Mr. Livezey had one child, William P., now a resident of Wisconsin. There were six children born to him by his marriage to Miss Mary E. Murphy, namely: Gertrude M., now the wife of Joseph Dexter, of Washington township, this county; George W. and James A., at home; Aly F., the wife of Dr. Louis Allen; Eliza H., wife of Glen Boget, of Sugar Creek township; and Mary Elizabeth, at home.

Mr. Livezey belonged to that class of men who come to the front in any undertaking that enlists their interest. He was a man who never broke his word and never deserted a friend. Politically he adhered to the democratic party. He was a member of the school board and his religious belief was indicated by membership in the Methodist church.

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#### A. C. HARRIMAN.

A faithful public officer and an obliging friend and neighbor, A. C. Harriman, city clerk of Grinnell, may be truly named as one of the leading and popular men of the community. He is a native of Searsport, Maine, born December 5, 1852, and is a son of James T. and Rebecca (Chase) Harriman, both of whom were born in Bangor, Maine. After their marriage they took up their residence in Searsport, where the father became prominent as a builder and contractor. In 1856, seeking for a wider field, he came to Grinnell and two years later brought his family to this place, then a struggling village with good prospects for the future. He continued as a contractor during his entire business life and passed away in 1906 at the age of seventy-nine years. Politically he gave his support to the republican party but he was liberal in his views and often voted irrespective of party lines. He was a man of high character and generous nature and had many friends in this county. Mrs. Harriman died at the age of sixty-three in 1890. She was an earnest member of the Congregational church and a worker who never tired in advancing its interests.

A. C. Harriman came to Grinnell at the age of five years and has ever since made his home in this city. He received his education in the public schools, later attending the Grinnell high school and Grinnell College, being a student in the latter institution for several years. Under his father he learned the contracting business, in which he continued for a number of years, then taking charge of a planing mill which he operated for six years. Afterward he entered the general mercantile business in Grinnell but after twelve years' experience in that line he sold out and took a vacation, making an extensive trip through the west. Upon returning home he accepted a position in the building and loan office of J. F. Wilson, formerly city clerk for a short time, and in 1907 was made city clerk succeeding his brother-in-law, Willis Davis, deceased. At the first election following his appointment he was regularly elected to the office which he now fills with marked ability.

In 1874 Mr. Harriman was united in marriage to Miss Kate M. Davis, of Jasper county, Iowa, and by this union five children were born, three of whom survive, namely: Jessie H., who is the widow of David S. Schuyler and is now living with her parents; Raymond D., a graduate of Grinnell College and now a teacher in the Muscatine high school; and Rebecca P., a student in the high school.

Mr. Harriman politically is independent, preferring to vote for the man rather than the party. He served for six years as member of the school board and for three years in the town council. He has ever since arriving at manhood been industrious and persevering in everything he has undertaken, and his acknowledged honesty and reliability have given him an established standing in the city. He is efficiently filling his present office and well deserves the confidence and respect of the people.

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#### OLIVER W. PARK.

A well known retired farmer of Chester township is Oliver W. Park, who continues to live on the homestead in the cultivation of which he was for so many years engaged. He was born in Searsport, Maine, on the 7th of June, 1849, being a son of Captain Oliver C. and Catherine E. (Park) Park, natives of the same place. They are descended from Richard Parke of England, who was born in 1602. The first member of the family to take up his residence in America was the Rev. Joseph Park, who was a missionary to the Indians in Rhode Island. The majority of them were agriculturists and the land where Harvard University is now located was cultivated by some of the ancestors of Oliver W. Park. Other members of the family followed the sea, and among those who engaged in the latter vocation was Captain Oliver C. Park, who died when he was forty-five years of age.

After completing his elementary education, which was acquired in the common schools of his native town, Oliver W. Park entered the Bucksport Academy of Bucksport, Maine. At the age of fourteen years he went to sea with his father, where he remained for three years, following which he attended school

for another three terms. In June, 1872, just after passing his twenty-third birthday, he came to Grinnell to visit some relatives. He decided to remain here and for five years worked on a farm. At the expiration of that time he went to Nebraska, where he remained for a similar period, returning to Grinnell in 1882. Mr. Park is now living retired on his homestead, which contains one hundred and sixty acres of excellent land in Chester township.

In January, 1878, Mr. Park was united in marriage to Miss Carrie R. Beaton, a daughter of William and Loretta M. (Hubbard) Beaton. Mrs. Park was born in Grinnell on the 27th of September, 1857, and has spent the greater part of her life in Poweshiek county. After graduating from the high school in the class of 1875, she attended Iowa College. She also received a musical education and taught music for a time. She officiated as organist in the church in Hokah, Minnesota, where she resided for two years.

William Beaton, the father of Mrs. Park, was of Scotch parentage, and was born on the 10th of February, 1829, in St. Andrews, Canada. At the age of nine years he was apprenticed to a cabinet-maker, and five years later he took a position in an organ factory. In 1849 he went to Hudson, Ohio, where he entered Western Reserve University, from which he was graduated six years later, having worked his way through. From his earliest youth he had given evidence of possessing unusual musical ability and had always studied music when it was possible for him to do so. While in college he trained a glee club of one hundred and thirty-two voices, was director of the music in the Congregational and Episcopal churches and was also conductor of the Handel Society. A fellow student, Henry Hamilton, urged him to come to Grinnell which he did on his wedding journey in 1855. Having decided to remain here he established a singing school, which was the first ever held in the town. During the early years of his residence he followed the carpenter trade and he was also at one time principal of the public schools. When the call came for volunteers he responded and went to the front with the Fourth Iowa Infantry, where he remained for three years. Mr. Beaton was also a teacher of the violin as well as of voice.

On the 21st of June, 1855, occurred the marriage of Mr. Beaton and Miss Loretta M. Hubbard, a native of Cleveland, Ohio, and the following children were born of this union: Carrie R., now Mrs. Park; Isabella, of Cleveland; and William H. and Henry Adam, who died in infancy. Mrs. Beaton died on the 1st of January, 1887, and he subsequently was united to Mrs. Maggie Tichnor, who only survived a few years. In 1893 he married Miss Ella M. Asay of Philadelphia, who is still living. He passed away in Grinnell on the 16th of January, 1907.

The younger daughter born of the union of Mr. Beaton and his first wife, Isabella Beaton, is a musician of uncommon ability. She was born in 1870 at the family home in Grinnell, and at the age of four years began the study of music. When she was nine years old, having studied for five years, she was admitted to the conservatory of Iowa College. She studied there under Prof. Willard Kimball for ten years, and Prof. L. A. Phelps, early recognizing her ability, devoted his summer vacations to perfecting her technic and interpretation. She gave her first public recital when she was twelve, her repertoire at



that time containing many of the best compositions of the leading masters, which were interpreted with remarkable skill for one of her years. Soon thereafter she was afflicted with eye trouble and for a year and a half she was unable to see, but nothing daunted this ambitious girl, and despite her handicap she managed to pass her examinations at school. She spent five years in Europe, being in Berlin three years and in Paris two, during which time she played for some of the members of royalty. She was graduated from Western Reserve University with the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, and at the present time she has the chair of musical history and theory in the Cleveland School of Music, where she is also giving a series of recitals. That she is a performer of unusual skill and ability is fully attested by the fact that Moritz Mozkowski, her teacher for five years, gave her unstinted praise. She has recently incorporated the Beaton School of Music of Cleveland, of which Mrs. Park is one of the trustees.

To Mr. and Mrs. Park have been born two daughters and a son, the order of their birth being as follows: Louise P., who was graduated from Iowa College with the class of 1902, and is now the wife of J. L. Carpenter, a farmer of Malcom; Hubbard Beaton, who is ranching near Tacoma, Washington, graduate of Grinnell high school, class of 1903; and Ada C., who graduated from high school and Grinnell College, and also resides in Grinnell.

The family all affiliate with the Congregational church. His political support Mr. Park accords to the republican party. He has never taken a prominent part in politics and the only official position he ever held was that of treasurer of the school board while residing in Nebraska. Mr. Park is one of the substantial citizens of Chester township and both he and his family are held in high esteem by all who know them.

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#### GEORGE SAMPSON.

The possibilities under the favoring influences of the republic for ambitious and deserving young men from foreign lands are clearly illustrated in the career of George Sampson, now a leading contractor of Grinnell. He was born in Norway, November 5, 1849, the son of Sigard and Anna Sampson, both of whom were natives of Norway. The father was a miner and died when the subject of this review was a child of four years. The mother came to America in 1867 and settled at Spring Valley, Minnesota, where she lived until her death, which occurred on the 4th of March, 1876.

George Sampson possessed limited opportunities of education in the common schools of his native land and was early set to work herding cattle. At twelve years of age he secured employment on a stage route in Norway and continued for four years, after which he worked upon a farm. In 1860 he crossed the ocean to the new world and for two years applied himself to farming in Spring Valley, Minnesota. Having decided to take up government land he went west for that purpose, but not being able to find a desirable location he returned to Minnesota, in 1871, and went to Mankato, where he worked for wages on a farm



and attended school for three months. At Mankato he became acquainted with William Roberts, a mason, and under Mr. Roberts he learned the mason's trade. In 1873 he began as a contractor at Spring Valley and three years later, on July 7, 1876, arrived at Grinnell, Iowa, where he readily secured work at his trade. He went to Omaha for a short time, but believing Grinnell to be a more favorable location he returned to this city and on September 1, 1877, began as contractor in stone and brick work. Since that time he has extended his operations, and he now does general contracting in the city and surrounding towns. He has applied himself to such good purpose that he is now at the head of a large and growing concern and one which has erected many of the substantial buildings in this part of the county.

On the 15th day of November, 1876, Mr. Sampson was united in marriage to Miss Mary Jane Stowe of Grinnell, daughter of Luther Watson and Phebe R. (Allen) Stowe, the father being a native of Massachusetts and the mother of New York. They came west in 1856 and located at Oak Grove, Iowa, where they lived for twenty years. In 1876 the family moved to Grinnell. The father was born in 1819 and is now living in this city, having reached the age of ninety-two years. The mother is deceased. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Sampson, namely: Cora B., wife of Samuel M. Pegram, of Lincoln, Illinois, who is engaged in the dry goods business at Muskogee, Oklahoma; and Louis J., who is married and is engaged in the mason's trade at Rockford, Illinois.

Mr. Sampson gives his support to the republican party and holds membership in the Methodist church of Grinnell. He is identified prominently with the Masonic order, being a member of Grinnell Lodge, No. 273, A. F. & A. M., of Grinnell, Palestine Chapter, No. 101, R. A. M. of Grinnell, and of the commandery and shrine, being also connected with the Odd Fellows.

Coming to this country as a young man he started at the very foundation by learning the language and gradually forged his way through obstacles until he became established in a permanent and lucrative business. It required pluck, zeal and unswerving perseverance, but he was liberally endowed with all of these necessary qualities and he is today one of the substantial and progressive citizens of Poweshiek county. His life may truly be designated as active and useful, and in all his business transactions he has been entirely honorable and trustworthy, and he possesses the esteem and confidence of all with whom his relations, socially or in business, have brought him in contact.

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#### OMMUND PEDERSEN.

Ommund Pedersen, who lives in Chester township, came to Poweshiek county, Iowa, from Norway twenty-nine years ago and has ever since applied himself to farming. He was born at Stavanger, January 13, 1858, and is a son of Peder and Olena (Olson) Pedersen, both of whom were born in Norway. The father was a sailor and fisherman. He came to America with his wife in 1891 and they made their home with Ommund Pedersen, the son, and sub-

ject of this review. The father died in July, 1910, the mother having passed away in December, 1905.

Ommund Pedersen possessed but limited advantages of education in his native land and early began assisting his father in fishing, continuing in that occupation until after he arrived at his majority. In 1882 he arrived in the new world and took up his residence in Poweshiek county, Iowa. For a number of years he worked for wages and later rented land, which he cultivated industriously and with good judgment, thus acquiring capital with which he purchased land on his own account. In 1897 he acquired one hundred and sixty acres, and he also rents eighty acres. He raises the cereals, but devotes his attention principally to raising Shorthorn cattle and Poland China hogs for the market.

In July, 1890, Mr. Pedersen was married to Miss Lena Olson, of Roland, Story county, Iowa, a daughter of Ole Olson, a farmer of Norway. He passed his entire life in the old country. Mrs. Lena Pedersen died in September, 1892, and Mr. Pedersen was again married August, 1894, his second union being with Miss Bertha Tokle, a daughter of Ole Tokle, of Norway. Seven children have blessed this union: Paran, who is now attending the high school; and Orville, Leonard, Edwin, Lawrence, Anna and William. Mr. Pedersen is not connected with any of the old political parties, preferring to cast his ballot in behalf of the prohibition cause. He is a member of the Norwegian Lutheran church at Grinnell and has aimed, in his life, to follow the teachings of the great book on which the church is founded. He represents the class of stalwart and brave-hearted men who do not hesitate to make personal sacrifices if necessary in order to provide for the welfare of their families or friends. As a young man he sought to establish a home among strangers and he succeeded, being now one of the flourishing farmers of Poweshiek county. He fully deserves the respect in which he is held as a good citizen and head of one of the promising families of Chester township.

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#### JACOB TERABERRY.

One of the most highly improved and valuable farms of Sheridan township stands as a monument to the splendid business ability and the spirit of enterprise and progress of Jacob Teraberry, a retired agriculturist now making his home in Malcom. He was born near Clinton, in Clinton township, Hunterdon county, New Jersey, on the 27th of October, 1844, a son of Frederick and Elizabeth (Lindaberry) Teraberry, both natives of New Jersey. In the spring of 1867 they removed to Bureau county, Illinois, and in 1872 brought their family to Poweshiek county, Iowa, locating on a farm three miles west of Malcom, where the mother's death occurred. Later the father retired from business and moved to Grinnell, where he spent his remaining days. His entire life had been devoted to farming. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Teraberry were eight children, as follows: Nathan S., of High Bridge, New Jersey; John, residing in Montezuma; Jacob, of this review; Sarah E., who married J. S. Hul-



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sizer, of Trenton, New Jersey; Rachel, the widow of John S. Temple, of Grinnell; Mary J., who wedded Austin Cramer and resides near Annandale, New Jersey; Dr. J. F., a physician of New York city; and Carrie V., the wife of C. W. Lee, of Clinton, New Jersey.

No event of special importance came to vary the routine of life for Jacob Teraberry during the period of his boyhood and youth, which was spent in his eastern home, and there he remained until the removal of the family to Illinois in 1867. Upon his arrival in Poweshiek county, in 1872, he purchased a farm five and a half miles north of Malcom in Sheridan township. For more than a third of a century he devoted his energies and attention to the cultivation of that property and then, in March, 1908, he purchased his present home in Malcom, where he is now living retired. He still retains possession of his farm, however, which consists of two hundred and forty acres located on section 36, and which is now operated by his son. It is a highly improved property and the dwelling erected upon it by Mr. Teraberry is one of the finest country homes in the township. The beautiful shade trees upon the place were all set out by Mr. Teraberry, who also introduced all of the modern conveniences and accessories of a model farm of the twentieth century. No better evidences of a life of industry, enterprise and thrift on the part of the owner can be given than the excellent condition of this property. In his agricultural pursuits he followed practical methods and the spirit of progress was one of his most salient characteristics. Substantial and well merited was the success which came to him as the result of his well directed efforts, and which today enables him to enjoy in retirement all of the comforts and many of the luxuries of life.

Mr. Teraberry was married, on the 30th of November, 1870, to Miss Lenora Judd, whose birth occurred on the 19th of March, 1850, in Alden, Erie county, New York, while her parents were on a visit to the Empire state, the family home being located in Illinois at that time. She is a daughter of E. P. and Sarah (Rearick) Judd, the former born in Vermont on the 25th of June, 1813; and the latter in New York, on the 5th of June, 1819. They were married in Erie county, New York, October 31, 1837, immediately after which they removed to Bureau county, Illinois, arriving at their new home on the 1st of December. There Mr. Judd entered two hundred and forty acres of land two and a half miles east of Princeton, to the improvement and development of which he devoted a number of years. Later he sold that property and in 1875 came to Poweshiek county, Iowa, locating on a farm here which he had entered in 1835. He entered and purchased land in Poweshiek county, including the farm which his son-in-law, Mr. Teraberry, now owns. He was one of the largest landowners in this district, owning at one time three thousand, two hundred and twenty acres in Poweshiek county and six hundred and forty acres in Illinois. He was engaged in general farming and was also an extensive feeder of cattle and hogs. He passed away on the 9th of May, 1894, in Chicago, while on his way home after spending a winter in Florida. His widow, however, still survives and is now making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Teraberry. She has passed the ninety-second milestone on life's journey and is enjoying excellent health, her mental and physical vigor being remarkable and unusual in one of her advanced age. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Judd were eight chil-

dren, namely: Laura, the wife of Asher Shifflett, of Grinnell; Mary, who passed away in infancy; Carrie, who married Dr. J. W. McDowell, of Eustis, Florida; Emma, the wife of Charles Bossler, of Sheridan township; Minerva, who wedded J. D. Carpenter, of Malcom township; Lenora, now Mrs. Teraberry; D. E., of Brooklyn; and Mark L., also of Brooklyn.

Mr. and Mrs. Teraberry were the parents of two children, of whom the eldest, Frederick J., was killed by the cars while a student at high school. He was born on the 6th of October, 1879, and his death occurred February 26, 1896. The surviving son, Glen E. Teraberry, was born January 3, 1886, and spent two years at Grinnell Academy in the acquirement of an education. He has since engaged in farming and is now operating his father's farm in Sheridan township.

Since age conferred upon Mr. Teraberry the right of franchise he has given stalwart support to the republican party and has been called upon at times to fill various township offices. For thirty years he served as school treasurer, the cause of education finding in him a stalwart champion, while many other projects having for their object the ultimate growth and development of the community have received his hearty indorsement. For several years he served as director of Malcom Agricultural Society and has been actively interested in various fairs. He has constantly and earnestly labored to stimulate the interests of his fellowmen in all that tends to promote progress in agricultural and other lines. The success which he himself attained in that direction is most creditable and Poweshiek county numbers him among her progressive, prominent and desirable citizens.

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#### BALEY A. ALLEN.

Baley A. Allen, whose time and attention are devoted to the further development and improvement of his farm in Union township, was born in Mahaska county, Iowa, on the 8th of February, 1863. He is a son of Samuel and Sarah J. (Barnes) Allen, natives of Kentucky. The father, who was a farmer, migrated from his native state to Indiana, where he resided until about 1852, when he removed to Mahaska county, Iowa. He subsequently came to Union township, Poweshiek county, where he was living at the time of his demise, which occurred on the 12th of December, 1904. The mother still survives and continues to make her home in Union township. He affiliated with the Christian church, of which Mrs. Allen is a member, and was for many years a deacon in same, while fraternally he was identified with the Masonic order. He voted the democratic ticket and always took a great deal of interest in all educational matters and for many years served as a school director, during a large portion of which time he was treasurer of the board. In the order of birth their children were as follows: William L.; and Mary A. and Martha J., both of whom are deceased; Isam T., who is a resident of Union township; Joseph R., deceased; Baley A., our subject; and Irvin C., who is living in Union township.



ELI P. JUDD AND FAMILY





The boyhood and youth of Baley A. Allen were very similar to those of other farm lads, who early become familiar with the lighter duties and labors of the agriculturist, during which time he was also pursuing his education in the district schools. He remained upon the old homestead until he was thirty-two years of age, during the latter portion of which time he was associated with his father in the cultivation of the fields. Later he rented the property continuing its operation until he located upon one hundred and sixty acres which he had inherited and upon which he has ever since resided. He has made all of the improvements upon his place, which is now one of the best improved and cultivated farms in Union township.

Mr. Allen was married on the 1st of January, 1892, to Miss Clara Adams, a daughter of Clark and Mary Frances (Gates) Adams, who were pioneer residents of Iowa but natives of Ohio. They were married in the Buckeye state on the 18th of January, 1846, removing from there to Iowa, where Mr. Adams engaged in farming and stock-raising. He later went to New Sharon, Mahaska county, where he conducted a restaurant. After his retirement he settled in Lorenz, this state, and there he passed away on the 1st of January, 1908. Mrs. Adams had preceded him many years, her demise occurring in August, 1867. Mr. Adams was a man of liberal views and helpful spirit, a member of the Universalist church and of the socialist party. He was also a Mason and a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. Mrs. Allen was born in New Sharon, Mahaska county, this state, on the 25th of June, 1866, and by her marriage she has become the mother of one child, Celoa Belle, whose birth occurred on the 11th of January, 1893.

Mr. Allen holds membership in the Christian church, while his wife belongs to the Methodist church, and he is also affiliated with the Masonic fraternity. He generally votes for the candidates of the democratic party but in local affairs is independent. He is not an aspirant to public honors or the emoluments of office, and, therefore, devotes his energies to his personal interests.

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#### DANIEL F. HAYS.

A tried and true soldier in times of danger and an industrious and progressive citizen in times of peace, Daniel F. Hays, now living at Grinnell, deserves mention in a history treating of the substantial citizens of Poweshiek county. He is a native of Frederick county, Maryland, and was born August 1, 1834, a son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Fuss) Hays, both of whom were born in Maryland. The mother died in 1846, when the subject of this review was a boy of twelve years. The father was a blacksmith by trade and followed this line in the east for thirty-five years. In October, 1856, he came to Grinnell, Iowa, where he spent eighteen months, removing on April 19, 1858, to a farm in Chester township. Having once established himself as an agriculturist he set vigorously to work to develop his property, and for forty-one years he was identified with agriculture and stock-raising in this county, his demise occurring in 1899.

Daniel F. Hays received his preliminary education in the common schools of Maryland, and in his young manhood learned the blacksmith's trade. He came to Iowa with his father and was just fairly settling down in life when his plans were interfered with by the Civil war. On September 22, 1862, he enlisted in Company E, Fourth Iowa Cavalry, and participated with the regiment in many important battles and movements. He was present at the Vicksburg campaign and was with the regiment at the battle of Guntown, Mississippi, which was one of the hardest fought battles in which the regiment took part during the entire war. The Fourth Iowa assisted in covering the retreat of the army for sixty miles and private Hays witnessed terrific scenes of slaughter during this memorable period, the recollection of which are as vivid in his memory as if they were enacted but yesterday. He also served in the campaign of General Wilson in Alabama and Georgia in 1865. He was honorably mustered out June 17, 1865, at Nashville, Tennessee, and returned to Poweshiek county. He conducted a blacksmith shop at Grinnell and later engaged in farming, also maintaining a blacksmith shop upon his place. In 1904 he moved to Grinnell, where he has since lived.

On the 12th of December, 1867, Mr. Hays was united in marriage at Mechanicstown, Maryland, to Miss Susan Weller, a daughter of Thomas Weller, of Maryland, who died when his daughter Susan was four years old. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hays, five of whom grew to maturity, namely: Joseph Weller, a graduate of Cornell College at Mount Vernon, Iowa, who is married and now resides at Chicago, Illinois; Harvey G. A., also a graduate of Cornell College, who is married and lives on a farm at Hereford, Texas; Rosa D., at home; Charles W., who is married and lives in Chicago; and Grace S., also at home.

Mr. Hays and his wife are now living in a beautiful residence in Grinnell with well kept lawn and fine shade trees, making it one of the most attractive homes in the city. They are earnest friends of education, as is shown by the unusual facilities enjoyed by their children, all of whom were given the advantages of a college training. Mr. Hays voted for Abraham Lincoln as president and he has generally supported the republican party since, but he has prohibition tendencies in local affairs. He was one of the founders of Chester township and has held many of the offices of the township from its earliest days. He is a valued member of the Methodist church and of the Grand Army Post at Grinnell. Having now arrived at his seventy-seventh year he is practically retired from active labor and enjoys a peace and prosperity which he has richly earned by many years of earnest effort.

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#### THOMAS S. APPLGATE.

Thomas S. Applegate, who for twenty years has filled the office of justice of the peace in Montezuma, his decisions being a clear exposition of the law and the equity in the case, was born in Ray township, Morgan county, Indiana, December 3, 1834, a son of Joseph and Lavina (Blunk) Applegate. The father

was born in Louisville, Kentucky, in 1808, and was reared in Bullitt county, that state. The mother was born in Harrison county, Indiana, in 1814, and was a daughter of George and Rebecca (Davis) Blunk, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Virginia. Mrs. Blunk died at the age of one hundred and six years, while her mother reached the remarkable age of one hundred and fifteen and David Blunk, a brother of Mrs. Lavina Applegate, passed away at the age of one hundred and three.

The marriage of Joseph and Lavina (Blunk) Applegate was celebrated in Indiana and in 1854 they came with their family to Iowa, driving across the country. Settling in Sugar Creek township, Poweshiek county, the father entered land from the government and upon the claim which he secured and developed he made his home until his death, which occurred about 1880. His wife survived him for some years, passing away in the same township in 1887. He had made farming his life work and in early manhood had engaged in teaching school through the winter months. For a number of years he filled the office of justice of the peace during his residence in Indiana. His political allegiance was originally given the whig party and upon its dissolution he joined the ranks of the new republican party. His religious faith was that of the Baptist church. Unto him and his wife were born nine children, of whom four sons and one daughter are yet living, while three of the family died in infancy, and Mrs. Eliza Hakes passed away January 3, 1911. Those who still survive are: Mrs. Zerelda Watson, a widow living in Touchet, Washington; Thomas S.; Ira, of Norton county, Kansas; Peter N., whose home is in Carroll county, Arkansas; and William J., of Springfield, Kansas. The second son, Ira, enlisted at Montezuma for service in Company C, Twenty-eighth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, on the 11th of August, 1862. At the same time Thomas S. Applegate joined the army and they went to the front under Captain J. W. Carr, who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume. They took part in all of the engagements of the regiment until Thomas S. Applegate was wounded in the last fight at Cedar Creek, Virginia, October 19, 1864, a fragment of a shell striking him in the ankle. He was honorably discharged in January, 1865, but his brother Ira remained at the front until the cessation of hostilities.

After he had recovered from his injuries Thomas S. Applegate resumed farming and was continuously and successfully connected with agricultural pursuits in this county until 1884, when he sold his farm in Sugar Creek township and established a hardware and implement business in Searsboro. There he was engaged in the conduct of his store until 1898, when he came to Montezuma, where he has since resided.

During much of the period of his residence here Mr. Applegate has filled public offices. He is a stalwart republican, unfaltering in his advocacy of the party and its principles. He filled the position of county supervisor from 1884 until 1889, was justice of the peace in Sugar Creek township for two terms and afterward served as deputy sheriff for one term. In 1900 he was chosen justice of the peace of Montezuma and entered upon a new term in the office on the 1st of January, 1911. His decisions are strictly fair and impartial and the record he has made in presiding over the justice court commends him to the confidence of all law-abiding citizens.



On the 16th of July, 1854, Mr. Applegate was united in marriage, in Sugar Creek township, to Miss Sarah Rivers, who was born in Morgan county, Indiana, in 1831, and about 1848 came to this county with her parents, Richard and Mary (Watson) Rivers, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of North Carolina, although both spent their last days in Poweshiek county. Of the children born unto Mr. and Mrs. Applegate three died in infancy or early life, Joseph Richard passing away in infancy, Mary Lavina when four years of age and John at the age of eight years. Those still living are: William, of Tama, Iowa; and George T., of Kansas City, Missouri. Mr. Applegate is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and thus maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons and his religious belief is that of the Church of Christ, in which he is serving as elder. His life has ever been upright and honorable and his many manly and sterling qualities have gained for him the warm and enduring regard of all with whom he has come in contact.

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### JOHN T. CESSNA.

John T. Cessna, of Grinnell, is a native of Scott county, Iowa, born October 25, 1862, and is a son of Thomas R. Cessna, who for more than fifty years was a citizen of Iowa. The Cessnas are of Huguenot ancestry and are direct descendants of Count John De Cessna. In 1690, owing to persecution of the Huguenots, about twelve hundred of the nobility of France, together with about half a million of the Protestant faith fled to England, Holland, Switzerland and Denmark, an official proclamation having been made by those countries proffering refuge to the oppressed. Many of the refugees entered military service and among these was Count John De Cessna, who in 1690 distinguished himself as an officer under Duke De Schomberg at the battle of the Boyne in Ireland. He remained in Ireland until 1718 and then crossed the ocean to America, settling in Pennsylvania, where he died in 1751. One of his sons, John De Cessna, located in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, and the family became very prominent. He was a member of the provincial assembly and also of the constitutional convention of 1775. He joined with all his heart in the patriotic cause and served as colonel in the Revolutionary war. The Hon. John Cessna, member of the forty-first and forty-third congresses of the United States, belonged to this family and was a brother of Thomas R. Cessna, both of them being great-grandsons of Colonel John De Cessna.

Thomas R. Cessna was a son of William and Rachel (Margaret) Cessna. He was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, October 27, 1827, and possessed limited opportunities of education in the schools but became a man of strong character and great integrity, gaining the confidence and respect of all with whom he associated. He was married, in 1848, to Sarah A. Koerner, who was also a native of Bedford county, and in 1858 with his wife and three children came to Scott county, Iowa, and located upon a farm which he purchased near Davenport. He and his wife reared a family of seven children, all of whom



are now living. He was very successful in business and took an active part in public affairs, discharging his duties as a public officer with the same interest that he evinced in his private business. In 1885, desiring to be near his children who had settled at Grinnell, he disposed of his farm in Scott county and came to this city. However, he was not yet prepared for a life of inactivity, and he engaged for ten years in a profitable real-estate business. He was a staunch believer in the authority and inspiration of the Bible and served for many years as an officer of the Methodist Episcopal church. He died on March 26, 1911, having arrived at the venerable age of eighty-four years.

John T. Cessna, of this review, was reared in the parental home and attended the district schools, later becoming a student of Cornell College, at Mount Vernon, Iowa, and Grinnell College. In 1886 he purchased a farm adjoining the southeast limits of Grinnell, upon which he later took up his residence, cultivating it with increasing prosperity for seven years. He was for some time associated with A. A. Foster in the agricultural implement business at Grinnell and also in buying and selling livestock, but since 1907 has not been actively engaged in business. He owns two farms, one of which is in Jasper county, Iowa, and the other near Wichita, Kansas. He also owns an interest in a business block in Kansas City, Missouri, and is a stockholder in the Merchants National Bank of Grinnell.

On the 22d of March, 1888, Mr. Cessna was united in marriage to Miss Elsie Brown, of Mason City, Iowa, and four children have come to brighten their home, namely: E. Gladys, now a student in the sophomore class of Grinnell College; Fannie Blythe, a student in the same class with her sister; Thomas R., Jr., who is a member of the senior class of the high school; and Mildred Koerner, who is now attending the public schools. The two older daughters are both graduates of the Grinnell high school.

Mr. Cessna inherited from worthy parents many of the characteristics that have assisted materially in his business career. He has through life stood for what seemed to him to be right and just and, therefore, occupies a prominent place in the estimation of his fellowmen. He and his wife are valued members of the Methodist church and politically he is a progressive republican, believing that the party has within itself the honesty and ability necessary in the perpetuation of a popular government. He has not sought public office but as a friend of education became a member of the city school board and is now president of that body. Fraternally he is identified with Grinnell Lodge, No. 175, K. P.

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### J. C. GOODRICH.

J. C. Goodrich of the Grinnell Manufacturing Company, is a leading resident of Grinnell and is associated with H. W. Spaulding in the conduct of a retail buggy business. His birth occurred in Williamstown, Vermont, on the 7th of April, 1863, his parents being Abram and Harriet (Cass) Goodrich, who were natives of Vermont and New Hampshire respectively. Following their marriage they located on a farm near Williamstown, Vermont, the father being

actively engaged in its operation until 1865. In that year they came west to Iowa, locating on a farm a mile and a half east of Grinnell, where Abram Goodrich made his home until called to his final rest in 1881. His widow then took up her abode in Grinnell, where her demise occurred the following year. Both were Universalists in religious faith.

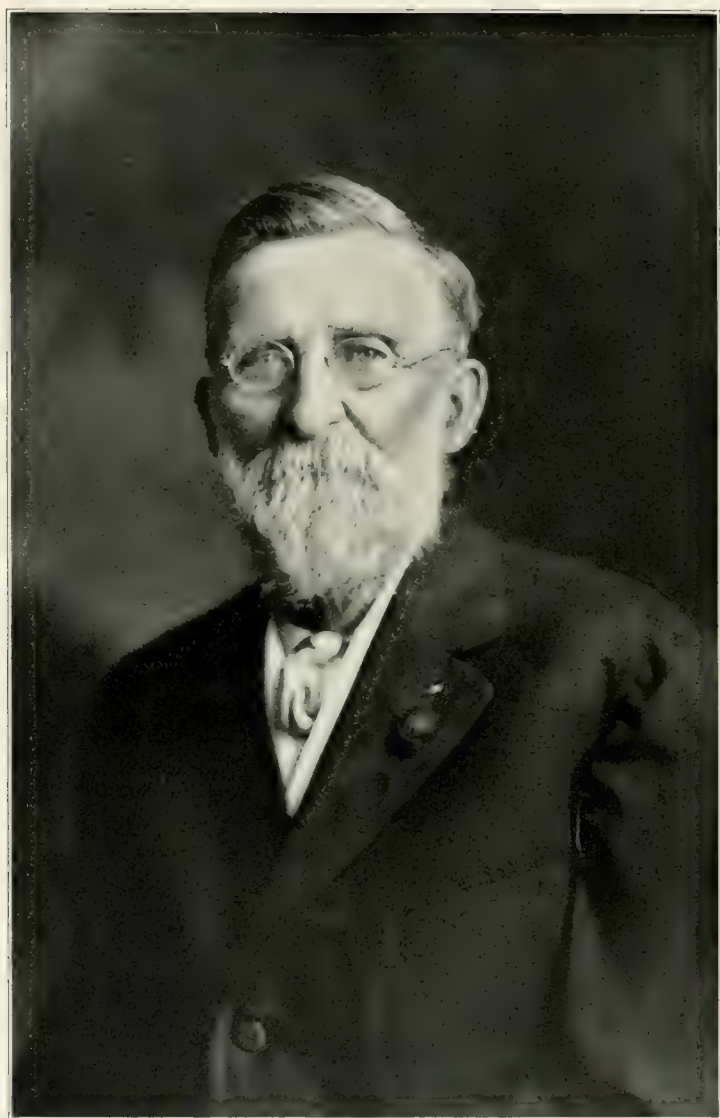
J. C. Goodrich was reared at home and supplemented his preliminary education, obtained in the common schools, by a course of study at Grinnell Academy. After his mother's death he returned to the home farm and was engaged in its operation until 1891 or 1892, when he came to Grinnell and embarked in the agricultural implement business as a member of the Foster, Bailey, Goodrich Company. In 1900 Mr. Goodrich and Mr. Bailey sold their interests to Mr. Foster and engaged in the hardware business under the firm style of Bailey & Goodrich, the partnership being maintained for one year. Mr. Goodrich then withdrew from the concern and took charge of the city water works, managing them for four years. On the expiration of that period he became one of the organizers of the Grinnell Manufacturing Company, manufacturers of power hammers and blacksmith tools, being made manager of the new concern. In the spring of 1908 the Grinnell Manufacturing Company discontinued its former line of work and engaged in the retail buggy business under the old firm name, the proprietors of the establishment being H. W. Spaulding and J. C. Goodrich. The business of the company covers the southwestern states and is conducted on what is known as the trailing system. Mr. Goodrich is a stockholder and a member of the board of directors of the Merchants National Bank of Grinnell and is also a stockholder and director in the Grinnell Washing Machine Company. He has earned for himself an enviable reputation as a careful man of business and in his dealings is known for his prompt and honorable methods, which have won him the deserved and unbounded confidence of his fellowmen.

In 1885 Mr. Goodrich was united in marriage to Miss Harriet L. Kingdon, of Grinnell, Iowa, by whom he has one child, Mae J., who is now in her senior year at Grinnell College. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to Grinnell Lodge, No. 358. Mrs. Goodrich is a member of the Episcopal church and also belongs to the Priscillas, a ladies' social club of Grinnell. Mr. Goodrich has spent practically his entire life in Poweshiek county and enjoys a wide and favorable acquaintance within its borders.

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### JOHN W. WILLSON.

John W. Willson, who for many years figured as one of the leading and prosperous business men of Montezuma, is now living retired upon an excellent farm of seventy acres, his home being within the corporation limits of the county seat. He has ever been a man of excellent purpose, carrying forward to successful completion what he has undertaken, and his sound judgment in business affairs has been one of the strong elements in his prosperity.



JOHN W. WILLSON





He was born December 9, 1839, in Hendricks county, Indiana, in a district about ten miles from Indianapolis, known as the Shiloh Church neighborhood, that church being situated upon his father's land. His parents were Gideon and Catharine (Wilson) Willson. They were first cousins and were natives of Virginia, born both in 1801. They were married at White River, Indiana, on the 3d of October, 1819. Gideon Willson was the first of the family to spell his name with the double L, doing this because the other spelling was so common. He lost his father when eleven years of age and was reared by an uncle. Catharine Wilson lost her mother in early girlhood and was reared by a stepmother. Her father was the owner of slaves, to whom he gave their liberty.

Mr. and Mrs. Gideon Willson were without capital when they were married and it was through strenuous labor that he managed to secure enough money to pay for the marriage license. Soon after their marriage they took up their abode in Indianapolis, which at that time contained only two or three cabins, and he secured one hundred and sixty acres, constituting a part of the present site of the city. He became a prominent and influential resident of that district and served as judge of the court, General Lew Wallace practicing before him. He had opportunity to attend school for only three months in his life but through private reading and study he became a well informed man. After living in the city for a few years he removed to a farm near Shiloh Church, about ten miles from Indianapolis, and there carried on general agricultural pursuits until 1848, when he came to Montezuma, arriving in October after driving across the country with teams. There was only one cabin in the town at the time. Mr. Willson established the first store in the county in 1850, carrying a general line of goods. At first his stock consisted only of a few staple articles but as the country developed and became more thickly settled he added to his line of goods, the store building being a double hewed log house. Subsequently he erected a good frame store building on the east side of the square but it was destroyed by fire on the 31st of December, 1854. He afterward erected what is known as the Union block on the west side of the square and continued in merchandising until June, 1870, when he sold out to his son John W. and retired from active business, spending his remaining days in the enjoyment of well earned rest. His death occurred in 1879, while his wife passed away in 1886. He was a stanch democrat throughout his entire life but never held office in this county, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs that he might provide a comfortable living for his family, which numbered eleven children, namely: Mrs. Sarah Benjamin, Isaac G., Nancy, Mrs. Mary Ann Walker and Elizabeth, all now deceased; Mrs. Catharine McIntire, a widow living in Montezuma; John W.; Mrs. Emily Rogers, of Montezuma; and three who died in infancy.

John W. Willson came to Poweshiek county with his parents when nine years of age and has since resided within its borders. He has witnessed its growth from the period of its early development and as the years have gone on has taken active and helpful part in the work of general progress and improvement. He assisted his father in the store for one year and afterward devoted his attention to farming until he enlisted under the stars and stripes

in August, 1862, becoming a member of Company C, Twenty-eighth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, under Captain J. W. Carr. He served for three years and was mustered out at the close of the war, having participated in all of the engagements of his regiment except that of Jackson, Mississippi, which occurred when he was in the convalescent camp. After the battle of Cedar Creek he secured a furlough of thirty-six days, spending two weeks of that time at home. He then made his way to Baltimore, which was the nearest place at which he could join his regiment. There he reported to General Lew Wallace, who gave him a pass to New York city with a letter to the commander of the department there. Mr. Willson had a pleasant interview with General Wallace after telling him that he was the son of Judge Gideon Willson, before whom General Wallace had previously practiced law. On the organization of the company Mr. Willson had been elected sergeant. He had many narrow escapes from injury and death. At Champion Hill a ball passed through his hat and cut off a lock of his hair. His comrade, Thomas Applegate, picked up the hat with the remark: "You will never see home if you have a closer call." When the war was over Mr. Willson resumed farming, which he followed until the spring of 1870, when he purchased his father's store. He increased his stock and the business developed along substantial lines. He also began buying live stock and became one of the foremost representatives of that business in this section of Iowa. He handled two hundred and eighty cars of stock one year, shipping the only full train of stock ever sent from Montezuma. His success as a live stock dealer caused him to concentrate his energies upon that business and he disposed of his store in the fall of 1875, giving his entire attention to live stock until 1885, when he returned to the farm whereon he now resides. Here he owns seventy acres of valuable land, splendidly improved, and he has refused three hundred dollars per acre for the place.

On the 11th of December, 1858, Mr. Willson was married in Montezuma to Miss Sarah Head, who was born in Highland county, Ohio, September 27, 1840, and in 1855 was brought to Poweshiek county by her parents, William M. and Margaret (Ferneau) Head, the former a native of England and the latter of Germany. The mother died in Montezuma, while Mr. Head passed away in Jefferson, Iowa. They were the parents of eleven children, seven of whom reached adult age, while two of that number served as soldiers of the Civil war—Captain Albert Head and Lieutenant Mahlon Head. They enlisted from Montezuma and are now engaged in the banking business in Jefferson. Mr. and Mrs. Willson became the parents of a daughter, Margaret K., now the wife of Robert Le Gore, of Lincoln, Nebraska, and unto them was born a daughter, Lila Marie, who is the wife of Charles Richey, county attorney of McCook, Nebraska.

Mr. Willson was the only one of his father's family to support the republican party. His position in this regard indicates his independent spirit and his loyalty to his honest convictions. His fellow townsmen, appreciative of his worth, elected him a member of the council, in which he served for eleven years, years, and he was also township trustee of Jackson township for nineteen years. His long continuance in office is proof of his ability and his record was at all times creditable to himself and satisfactory to his constituents. Mr. Will-

son is a valued and popular member of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias fraternity. No history of this county would be complete without a record of him not alone because he is one of the successful men of the county but also owing to several others facts. The length of his residence in Montezuma exceeds that of any other citizen here. He was in Grinnell the day that town was named, going there on horseback to join in the celebration. He wanted to buy some land but his father did not indorse the idea, for he did not believe a town would ever be built way out there. Mr. Willson has lived to see remarkable changes in the county as the work of growth and development has been carried on and it is well known that at all times he has borne an active and helpful part in bringing about the transformation that has made Poweshiek one of the populous and prosperous counties of the state.

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### LOUIS PULS.

No country has given to the United States better citizens than Germany, and sons of the fatherland are always welcomed here, for all have those homely virtues of honesty, sincerity, energy and frugality which, when combined, are certain to be productive of good citizenship and prosperous results.

Louis Puls is one of Germany's contributions to the citizenship of Iowa, his birth having occurred in Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Germany, September 27, 1846, his parents being Fred and Annie (Miller) Puls. The mother passed away in the fatherland, and later the father, who was a farmer by occupation, came to the United States, locating in Princeton, Illinois. In his family were the following children: Christina and Freda, both deceased; Mary, a resident of Germany; Charles, of Princeton, Illinois; John, also residing in Germany; Hannah, who passed away in the fatherland; Louis, of this review; and Sophie, who married John Tiedemann, of Malcom township.

Louis Puls spent the first nineteen years of his life in his native country, acquiring his education in the common schools of the fatherland, and through the assistance which he gave his father on the home farm became thoroughly familiar with agricultural pursuits. Opportunities for advancement in the old world, however, were limited, and the rumors concerning the advantages offered in the United States early aroused his determination to seek a home on this side of the Atlantic. Consequently, in 1865, he came alone to this country, making his way to Princeton, Illinois, where for one year he was employed by the month as a farm hand. In the spring of 1866 he arrived in Iowa, locating in Poweshiek county, and for two and a half years worked for Charles Schultz, and was then employed for a similar period by Fred Schultz. For the following two years he rented a farm, and then, in the spring of 1877 was married. Immediately afterward he purchased the farm which is now his home, and has since been continuously engaged in its development. It consists of two hundred acres located on section 4, Malcom township, and at the time that it came into his possession it was unbroken prairie land without a single improvement upon it.



With characteristic energy he at once began breaking the sod, divided the land into fields of convenient size, and by undaunted energy and unceasing perseverance converted it into a productive farm. He has made excellent improvements upon the place, erecting substantial buildings and inclosing his fields with good fences, and it is today one of the valuable and desirable properties of the township. He also owns thirteen acres of timberland about two miles east of his home farm, and at one time was the owner of eighty acres which he has since sold to his son. He gives his attention to general farming, practices rotation of crops, makes a close study of the cereals best adapted to soil and climate and, withal, has attained a most gratifying degree of prosperity.

Mr. Puls was married on the 2d of March, 1877, to Miss Minnie Schultz, who was born in Princeton, Illinois, on the 22d of April, 1855, and came to Poweshiek county in the fall of 1864 with her parents. She is a daughter of Joachim and Marie (Peele) Schultz, who were natives of Prussia, Germany. Both were born in the year 1820, the father on the 19th of March and the mother on the 2d of February. They were married in the fatherland and came to the United States in 1854, arriving in Princeton, Illinois, in the fall of that year. They passed away in Malcom township, the father on the 25th of October, 1884, and the mother on the 11th of April, 1891. In their family were six children: Charles, whose death occurred in Malcom; Lena, who passed away in the spring of 1855 at the age of eighteen years; Fredericka, who married Lawrence Lidtka, of Malcom; Minnie, the wife of Louis Puls; Jacob, of Malcom township; and Fred, also of this township. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Puls has been blessed with ten children, namely: Fred, a resident of Chester township; Josephine, the wife of Herman Mithelman, of Malcom township; John, of Malcom township; Ida, who married Orin Ferguson, of this township; Louis, who died at the age of seventeen years; Marie, at home; Charles, whose death occurred at the age of two months; and Theodore, Elmer and Evelyn, all at home.

The parents are members of the Lutheran church and Mr. Puls gives his support to the republican party. He has held several road and school offices and is deeply interested in all matters concerning the material, political, intellectual and moral development of the community. He has ever been public-spirited in his citizenship, loyal to the best interests of his adopted country, and the principles which govern his private and business life are such as have gained for him the unqualified regard, respect and confidence of all with whom he has come in contact.

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### JOHN J. GORSUCH.

Agricultural pursuits in Poweshiek county are ably represented by John J. Gorsuch, whose activities along this line are meeting with gratifying and substantial results. One of Iowa's native sons, he was born in Mahaska county, about a mile west of Barnes City, on the 12th of December, 1856. He is a representative of an old pioneer family of Iowa, his grandparents, Joshua and



Mary (Bosley) Gorsuch, having come to this state from Maryland as early as 1844, locating in Mahaska county.

His parents were Thomas B. and Margaret (Murrow) Gorsuch, natives of Maryland and Indiana respectively, who came to Iowa with their parents at an early day, the father arriving in 1844 and the mother in 1850. They were married in Mahaska county on the 11th of March, 1852, and for four years thereafter continued their residence in that county, after which they removed to Jackson county, Kansas, which remained their home for three years. On returning to Iowa in 1860 they took up their abode in Poweshiek county, locating on a farm near Montezuma, where their remaining days were spent. The father was a lifelong farmer, in which line of activity he proved very successful, being the owner of three hundred and thirty acres of rich land at the time of his death. He had an interesting military record, enlisting in August, 1862, as a member of Company B, Fortieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, with which he served throughout the remainder of the war, or for a term of three years. He passed away on the 30th of December, 1884, and was survived by his wife for a number of years. Her birth occurred in Parke county, Indiana, on the 15th of August, 1835, her parents being Benjamin and Sally (Blue) Murrow. She was a consistent and faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church, who daily exemplified in her life the teachings of the Golden Rule. Her death occurred on the 26th of February, 1910, at the age of seventy-four years. She passed away in the Montezuma home, to which she had removed with her two daughters, Laura and Edith, in 1902.

In early childhood John J. Gorsuch accompanied his parents on their removal to Kansas and was but four years of age when brought by them to Poweshiek county, within whose borders he has since made his home. He passed the period of his boyhood and youth upon the homestead near Montezuma, acquiring his education in the country schools of that locality, and he remained with his parents until he attained his majority. At the age of twenty-four he embarked in agricultural pursuits with his brother, D. T. Gorsuch, under the style of Gorsuch Brothers, this relationship continuing for nineteen years. They began as renters, carrying on general farming in that capacity until they had acquired sufficient money to enable them to invest in property of their own, when they purchased a farm, to the cultivation and development of which they gave their attention for a number of years. They became recognized throughout the community as progressive, practical farmers, and upon severing their partnership relations were the owners of an excellent tract of six hundred acres. Since that time John J. Gorsuch has engaged in farming and stock-raising independently and is now the owner of three hundred and twenty acres located on sections 11 and 12, Jackson township, which is equipped with two sets of buildings, all in good condition, and has all of the accessories and conveniences of a model farm. His energy, perseverance and integrity are salient elements in his career and have proved potent forces in the acquirement of a success which now ranks him among the substantial and representative agriculturists of this section.

Mr. Gorsuch was married, in 1880, to Miss Lucy Webber, who was born in Pennsylvania on the 4th of July, 1860, and was brought to Iowa in early life

by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Webber. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Gorsuch have been born four children, Guy W., Nellie, Madge and Louis.

Mr. Gorsuch is democratic in politics and has held several school and road offices although he has never sought nor desired public position as a reward for party fealty. He is a progressive and wide-awake farmer, always on the alert for and ready to incorporate in his business modern methods, and his industry and enterprise have not only enabled him to attain prosperity but have won him a high place in the respect and confidence of his neighbors.

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### W. R. JOHNSTON.

A record of service covering twenty-nine consecutive years as township trustee is one of which any man might be proud, for it indicates clearly the confidence and trust of his fellowmen. This is the record of W. R. Johnston, who is also a prominent farmer of Scott township, owning three hundred and twenty acres on section 22, this land having been in possession of the family since 1867.

Mr. Johnston comes of a long line of Irish ancestry and his birth occurred in County Fermanagh, Ireland, April 5, 1842. He was a lad of six years when his parents, John R. and Jane (Jordan) Johnston, emigrated to the United States. The mother was born in Ireland, April 16, 1816, and they were married in that country, May 5, 1840. Five children were born to them ere their emigration to the United States in 1848. They established their home in Rock Island county, Illinois, and there eight more children were born. The father engaged in general farming in Illinois and was identified with the interests of Rock Island county for two decades, when, in 1868, he removed with his family to Poweshiek county, Iowa, but had purchased his land here the year previously. This tract constitutes the one now owned by our subject and is located on section 22, Scott township. As Mr. Johnston expressed it, there was nothing but a "wolf and an Indian" on the land when he took possession, indicating the unsettled condition of the country and the task that lay before the pioneer settlers. He at once set to work to improve and develop his land and in due course of time had a good property, improved with substantial buildings. He died here, November 17, 1881, at the age of sixty-six years, and his wife, surviving for many years, departed this life, December 31, 1904, when in her eighty-ninth year.

The record of their children is as follows: John R., a resident of Rugley, North Dakota; W. R., of this review; Mrs. Bessie Jane Lipton, now deceased; Joshua and James R., who have also departed this life; Anna, a resident of Brooklyn; Margaret, deceased; Laura, the wife of John W. Brannian, of Deep River township; Mary, the wife of Thomas Orr, of Brooklyn; Samuel and Robert, who reside in South Dakota; T. R., a resident of Scott township; and Henry, who makes his home in Delaware county, Iowa.

W. R. Johnston was reared and educated in Rock Island county, Illinois, and was a young man of twenty-five years when he came with the family to Poweshiek county. He assisted in the arduous task of establishing a home on the frontier and the lessons which he learned in early life have proved of value to him

in his later years of labor. He now owns the homestead property of three hundred and twenty acres and his time is fully occupied in its management and cultivation.

Mr. Johnston was married in 1870, the lady of his choice being Miss Sarah Jane McDonald, who was born in Rock Island county, Illinois, June 1, 1852, a daughter of James and Jane (Clarke) McDonald, the former born in Nebraska and the latter in Illinois. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have been born twelve children, namely: Mary, who died at the age of one year; Sarah Jane, who died when a month old; Joshua, who makes his home in Scott township; Maude, the wife of J. E. Gilmore, a resident of Montana; Nettie, who departed this life June 30, 1902, when twenty-four years of age; Elmer, at home; William, also at home; Sadie, the wife of Frank Hutchinson, also of Scott township; Margaret, the wife of Elza Hall, also of Scott township; and Clara, Laura and Clinton, all still under the parental roof.

Mr. Johnston's study of the political issues of the day has led him to give stalwart support to the republican party. He has for twenty-nine consecutive years filled the office of township trustee, his loyalty and faithfulness being proven in the fact of his long service. He has also served as a member of the school board. Mr. Johnston was reared in the faith of the Episcopal church but as there is no church of that denomination in his home locality he attends and supports the Methodist Episcopal and the United Presbyterian churches. His fraternal relations are with the Orangemen. Possessing the indomitable perseverance of his race and endowed by nature with a good constitution, he early developed all the attributes that make the successful man. Although he has led a busy and useful life in the conduct of his private business affairs, he has yet found time to become interested in affairs of a public nature, lending his aid and influence in the cause of every good movement and heartily promoting the progress and advancement of his community.

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### FRANK KELM.

A large percentage of the citizenship of Iowa are either of German birth or parentage, and among those who claim the fatherland as the place of their nativity is numbered Frank Kelm. He was born in Prussia, Germany, on the 5th of February, 1847, a son of Gottlieb and Elizabeth (Pohl) Kelm, whose entire lives were spent on a farm in that country. In their family were five children, as follows: William, operating the home place in Germany; Henrietta, who passed away in the fatherland; August; Frederick; and Frank, of this review.

Frank Kelm spent the period of his boyhood and youth in his native country and there resided until he was about twenty-four years of age, when the reports which he heard concerning the opportunities offered in the new world proved irresistible and he determined to seek his fortune on this side of the Atlantic. Accordingly, in 1871, he made the long trip to the United States. On the 17th of July he arrived in Poweshiek county, Iowa. Reared to farm life he wisely sought employment along that line, and for eight months worked on a farm as a



farm hand. He then rented land in Sheridan and Malcom townships for eleven years, but during that period he was actuated by the desire to one day become the owner of a farm in order that his efforts might more directly benefit himself. Consequently he practiced the utmost economy and labored earnestly and diligently and, in 1882, he was able to purchase a tract of one hundred and sixty acres located on section 16, Malcom township, upon which he has since made his home. When the place came into his possession it was an undeveloped tract, but with characteristic energy and perseverance Mr. Kelm set about its improvement, erecting new buildings, introducing modern and up-to-date machinery, and eventually converting it into a highly cultivated and valuable property. He is engaged in general farming and stock-raising and his efforts are meeting with well merited success.

Before leaving the fatherland Mr. Kelm was united in marriage, in 1866, to Miss Julia Poleske, who was born in Prussia, Germany, on the 28th of March, 1849, and unto them have been born five children, as follows: Emma, who is now the wife of Henry Rix, of Grinnell township; Mary, who married Herman Evoldt, of Washington township; Gustav, a resident of Malcom township; Otto, at home; and Julia, now Mrs. Fred Bingham.

Prior to coming to the United States Mr. Kelm served for two years and eight months in the Prussian army as an infantry soldier, and during that period received an injury which destroyed the sight of his right eye. He has never regretted his determination to come to this country, for here he has gained a most creditable degree of prosperity. The country has at the same time gained a valued citizen, for during his connection with American interests and institutions he has been as loyal in citizenship as any native born resident. He gives stalwart support to the republican party and holds membership in the Lutheran church, and the sterling worth of his character has won for him the respect, confidence and good will of all with whom he has come in contact.

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#### EUGENE W. FISHER.

A native of Poweshiek county and from his earliest recollection identified with agricultural interests, Eugene W. Fisher, whose name stands at the head of this sketch, has continued in this county all his life and is now one of its prosperous farmers. He was born in Chester township, July 9, 1865, and is a son of Edward and Mary Ellen (Davis) Fisher, both of whom were born in Vermont and were married in that state. The father, as a young man, came to Iowa in 1860 and located in Poweshiek county. At the breaking out of the Civil war he enlisted in the Fourth Iowa Cavalry and served for sixteen months. After receiving his honorable discharge he went to his old home in Vermont and was married February 16, 1863, soon afterward bringing his bride to this county. He died April 30, 1875, having attained a position as one of the prosperous farmers of the county. He served for several years as town clerk of Chester and was one of the original sixteen members of the Congregational church at that place. Mrs. Fisher is now living at Grinnell. In their family were five children, three of





MR. AND MRS. E. W. FISHER



whom survive: Eugene W., of this review; Elizabeth A., who is now a teacher in the Grinnell high school; and Fannie O., a teacher in Grinnell Academy.

Eugene W. Fisher attended the district schools and Grinnell Academy, thus laying a foundation for an education which he has greatly broadened by reading and contact with the world. After leaving school he devoted his attention to the cultivation of the home farm of two hundred and thirty acres, of which he is now the owner. He has succeeded through industry, unfaltering determination and indefatigable energy, applying to his business a practical judgment which has made him one of the substantial citizens of the county and a worthy successor of his father.

In 1903, in Chester township, Mr. Fisher was united in marriage to Miss Emma Dempster, a daughter of John E. Dempster, a well known farmer, a record of whom is found elsewhere in this work. Three children have been born to this union: Esther E., who is now attending school; Ruth M., also a pupil in school; and Dorothy E.

Politically Mr. Fisher is a supporter of the principles of the republican party and in religious belief he is a consistent adherent of the Congregational church, being a member of the church at Chester Center. All his life he has adhered to what he believed to be right and true and thus he gained the confidence and respect which is freely accorded him by his fellow men.

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#### EPHRAIM E. LAMB.

Agricultural pursuits of Malcom township are well represented by Ephraim E. Lamb, whose entire life has been given to that vocation. He was born in Keokuk county, Iowa, on the 11th of December, 1870, a son of Tobias R. and Rachel (Humes) Lamb. The father, who was born in Greene county, Ohio, in 1841, went with his parents in early childhood to Bureau county, Illinois, and resided there until he was nineteen years of age, when he came to Iowa, locating in Keokuk county. He was a farmer by occupation and was well known in political circles, being a member and one of the organizers of the greenback party in this locality. Later, however, he supported the democratic party. He was married, in Keokuk county, to Miss Rachel Humes, who was born in Tippecanoe county, Indiana, in 1845, and when a little maiden of three years went to Keokuk county, Iowa, with her parents. She now makes her home in Brooklyn, Poweshiek county, her husband having passed away in Malcom township on the 29th of November, 1899. They were the parents of twelve children, as follows: Linas E., of Poweshiek county; Jeremiah, who passed away at the age of thirteen years; James H., who passed away at the age of eleven years; Ephraim E., of this review; William Lewis, operating the home farm in Malcom township; Ralph F., of Grinnell township; Myrtle, who married Herman Jantzen, of Grinnell; Sylvia, the wife of William Bolen, of Madison township; Addie, who married Theo. Mehlin, of Sheridan township; Hattie, residing with her mother in Brooklyn; Sadie, who married Friend Kensinger, of Bear Creek township; and Harrison, of Brooklyn.

Ephraim E. Lamb, whose name introduces this review, spent the early period of his life in his native county, where he acquired his education, and was fourteen years of age when he came with his parents, in 1884, to Malcom township which, with the exception of one year, has since remained the place of his residence. Reared to farm life, he has continued to engage in that pursuit, and for about five years after the death of his father he operated the home farm. He then rented a farm in Madison township, upon which he remained for one year, when he removed to his present home, where he has resided for the past five years. The place, known as the Charles Hatcher farm, which he is operating in the capacity of renter, consists of three hundred and twenty acres, located on section 15. Mr. Lamb gives his attention mostly to his stock-raising interests, which are extensive and carefully conducted, according to the most practical, progressive methods, and which are proving a most gratifying source of revenue.

Mr. Lamb was married, on the 21st of February, 1905, to Miss Viola Eisele, a native of Malcom township, born on the 13th of May, 1884. She is a daughter of J. E. Eisele, of whom extended mention is made in another part of this volume. Mr. and Mrs. Lamb have one son, Earl F., who was born on the 14th of June, 1906, and who is the life and light of the household.

The parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Malcom, in the work of which they take a deep and helpful interest, and fraternally Mr. Lamb belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he has held all of the chairs. Early in life he became interested in the politics of the country and, forming his own opinions and rules of conduct, has given his support to the democratic party. He is now serving his second term as township assessor and has ever been a loyal worker for the best interests of Malcom township, where he is widely known as a man of high principles and noble manhood.

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#### ROBERT G. COUTTS.

Prominent among the building contractors of Iowa, Robert G. Coutts, of Grinnell, has attained a wide reputation for the excellence of his work and his straightforward business methods. He owes his success to indefatigable perseverance and industry—traits inherited from a long line of worthy ancestry. He was born at Aberdeen, Scotland, June 25, 1856, a son of Adam and Helen (Anderson) Coutts, both of whom were natives of Scotland. The parents came to Poweshiek county, Iowa, in 1875 and settled near Ewart, where the father died less than eight weeks after his arrival. The mother is still living and makes her home with a daughter who lives three miles south of Grinnell. She celebrated her ninetieth birthday on December 23, 1910, and notwithstanding her advanced age still retains in a remarkable degree her mental and physical faculties.

Robert G. Coutts received limited opportunities of education in his native land, as he attended school only in his early boyhood, being obliged to assist in the support of the family after reaching his ninth year. At the age of eighteen, in 1874, having decided to seek his fortune on the opposite shore of the Atlantic, he crossed the ocean to Quebec, Canada, and on June 25—his birthday—arrived



at Port Huron, Michigan. He traveled westward to Poweshiek county, Iowa, and went to work at the stone-mason's trade. After completing his apprenticeship he worked as a journeyman until 1884, when he began as a contractor, a line of business with which he has ever since been prominently connected. He has erected more stone and brick buildings in Grinnell than any other contractor, among which may be named the Grinnell high school building, the Stewart Library building, the Methodist Episcopal church and many of the handsomest private residences in the city. He is president of the Grinnell Brick & Tile Company and a member of the Grinnell Stone Manufacturing Company, both of which enterprises are highly successful financially. He is also a member of the Iowa Association of Cement Users and was the first president of that organization.

On the 15th of September, 1881, Mr. Coutts was united in marriage to Miss Alvaretta Farley, who came to Poweshiek county with her parents, from New York state, in 1880. Eight children blessed this union, seven of whom are now living: Ross V., a graduate of the engineering department of the Iowa State College at Ames, and now in the employ of the Union Pacific Railway at Omaha, Nebraska; Harry G., also a graduate of the engineering department of the Iowa State College and now in the employ of the United States Steel Corporation at Chicago, Illinois; Dwight R., of Omaha; and Hazel R., Helen J., Grace D. and Ray C., all of whom are at home.

In politics Mr. Coutts is identified with the republican party. He was a member of the city council when the water-works and sewer systems were under construction and in 1905 was elected mayor of the city, serving for two years. As a public official he was highly efficient and he succeeded in a marked degree in advancing the cause of honest government. Fraternally he is connected with Herman Lodge, No. 273, A. F. & A. M., and Grinnell Lodge, No. 358, I. O. O. F. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he is serving as trustee. He has spent many of the best years of his life at Grinnell and the high place he occupies in the estimation of the people is due to his unsullied character and a worthy ambition to accomplish to the best of his ability everything that his hands find to do.

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#### EDWARD L. GARING.

An energetic and progressive farmer of Union township, the appearance of whose homestead bespeaks capable supervision, is Edward L. Garing, who was born in that township on the 7th of September, 1870. His father, John Garing, was a native of Germany, and the mother, who prior to her marriage was Mary M. Johnson, was born in Ohio. The former emigrated to the United States in his early manhood, locating in Ohio, where he was later married. When the Civil war broke out he enlisted in the Union army, going to the front where he remained for three years. After receiving his discharge he came to Iowa, buying a farm in Union township, Poweshiek county, which he operated until his retirement to Montezuma, where he died on the 14th of November, 1893, at the

age of fifty-five years, his birth having occurred in Wittenberg on the 23d of February, 1838. The mother still survives and continues to make her home in Montezuma. In politics Mr. Garing was a republican and he was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. In the family were five children, as follows: Viola Geneva, the wife of Elzie Meeker, of San Diego, California; Clara Caroline, who passed away on the 28th of May, 1890; Edward L., our subject; John Henry, of Barnes City, Iowa; and Gertrude, who died in 1902.

Edward L. Garing was reared on the homestead where he was born, acquiring his education in the district schools of that vicinity. Ambitious and energetic, he was impatient to assume the heavier responsibilities of life and laying aside his text-books at an early age began fitting himself for an agriculturist. At the age of nineteen years he felt he had sufficient knowledge of farming to begin for himself, so he rented his present farm, which contains one hundred and sixty acres. He later purchased the property and has ever since continued its cultivation, in addition to which he runs a threshing outfit and sinks wells. Success has attended the various enterprises undertaken by Mr. Garing, and he has accordingly improved his farm, having erected a nice residence and various outbuildings.

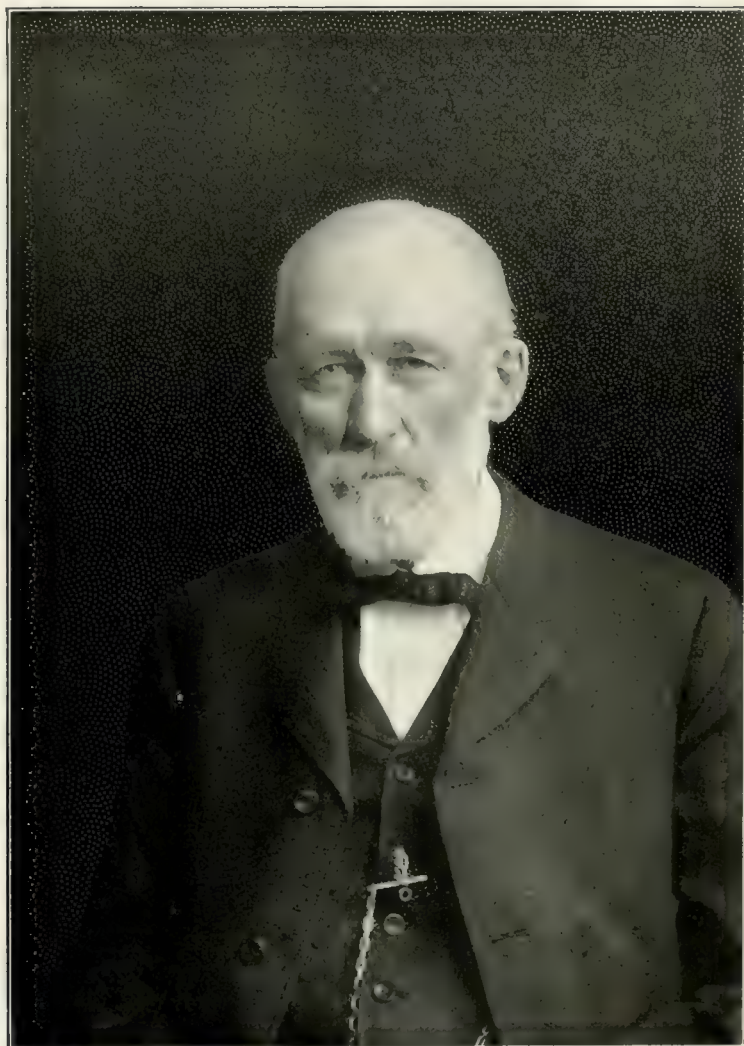
Mr. Garing was married on the 24th of November, 1889, to Miss Rosie T. Mackie, a daughter of Jesse S. and Wealthy J. (Skeels) Mackie of Union township. The father was a native of North Carolina and the mother of Ohio. When a lad of sixteen years Mr. Mackie came to Poweshiek county, where he later purchased a farm, being identified with agricultural pursuits until his retirement. He and Mrs. Mackie continue to live upon their homestead, although he is no longer actively engaged in its operation. They are members of the Christian church, and he votes the democratic ticket. Mrs. Garing, who is also a native of Union township, was born on the 27th of November, 1870. To Mr. and Mrs. Garing have been born the following children: Lela, who was born on the 15th of June, 1890, and died on the 24th of September, 1897; Edward Leland, born on the 2d of February, 1899; Adrian Ward, who was born on the 22d of December, 1902; and Wilbur Mackie and Willard, who were born on the 14th of June, 1905, but the latter died on the 16th of the same month.

His political support Mr. Garing always gives to the republican party, and for the past eight years he has been constable and he is also a school director. Such success as has fallen to his lot has been the result of his own industry and capably directed efforts, as he started out practically empty-handed in his youth.

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### ELBERT WARREN CLARK, M. D.

There are in every community men who stand in the forefront as political leaders and guide the machinery of government, men who are foremost in business circles and control the arteries of trade and commerce. There are still others none the less capable in a chosen line of work who have as a dominating characteristic a recognition of the obligations of man to his fellowmen that is manifest in a broad humanitarianism and a helpful spirit that reaches out to



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all his humankind. Of the latter class Dr. Elbert Warren Clark was a representative. He was recognized as a learned and skillful physician and had among his patrons many of the most prominent and prosperous residents of Grinnell and the surrounding country, but he responded as quickly to a call for professional service from the poor as from the rich, ministering as conscientiously to the needy as to the prosperous, and in fact gave to them even greater inspiration and aid as he felt that their need was greater. He might well have made the request "Write me as one who loves his fellowmen," and in doing this, as the old legend runs, "proving his love of God."

Dr. Clark came to Grinnell a young man in the '60s. He was born in Glover, Orleans county, Vermont, February 22, 1842, of Scotch-American parentage, and after spending twelve years in New England accompanied the family on their removal to Bureau county, Illinois, where he was reared amid rural surroundings, spending the period of his minority upon the home farm. He was a pupil in the public schools and completed a course in the high school at Kewanee, Illinois. No financial resources awaited him when he started out in life for himself, leaving the farm in 1865 at the age of twenty-three years. In fact he knew that if further educational advancement was his it must be obtained through his own efforts, and his labors therefore provided the means that enabled him to become a student in Rush Medical College in 1866. He continued his course in Chicago as opportunity offered until graduated from that institution in February, 1871.

Dr. Clark arrived in Grinnell in May of the same year and almost from the beginning a liberal practice was accorded him. He soon proved his ability, gave evidence of his wide knowledge and in a professional capacity was called to many households not only in Grinnell but also throughout the surrounding district. He entered upon his profession with the determination to serve the people who needed him and he never hesitated, whether his patients were near at hand or far out on the prairie. No night was too dark, no storm too fierce, no cold too penetrating for him to face. With the growth of the city and the settlement of the county his practice continuously grew and he became particularly brilliant in surgical work. He was made one of the staff of surgeons for the Rock Island and Iowa Central Railroads and he was frequently called in consultation or asked to assist in some difficult surgical or medical case.

Dr. Clark had been a resident of Grinnell for only three years, when, in 1874, he was united in marriage to Miss Martha Brainerd of this city, a daughter of the Rev. Timothy and Harriett Poor (Cilley) Brainerd. Her father was a Yale graduate of the class of 1830 and of the Andover Theological Seminary of 1839. He was also at one time a law student of the New Haven Law School and on leaving college found himself in poor health. Soon afterward he was offered and accepted the principalship of the Randolph Academy, which position he occupied for some time and then turned his attention to ministerial work. For many years he filled the pulpit in Londonderry, New Hampshire, and later in Halifax, Massachusetts, but after coming to the west retired from the ministry. His wife was a direct descendant of General Enoch Poor, of Exeter, New Hampshire, and General Joseph Cilley, of Nottingham, New Hampshire, both of Revolutionary war fame. The death of the Rev. Timothy G. Brainerd

occurred in 1894. His daughter Martha, as previously stated, had become the wife of Dr. Clark and unto them was born a son, E. W. Clark, Jr.

Throughout the period of his residence in Grinnell Dr. Clark was a prominent man in the public life of the community, not because he sought distinction or desired public honors but because his fellow townsmen recognized his aptness for positions of public trust. He was very deeply interested in the cause of education, served as a member of the school board of Grinnell and was elected a trustee of Iowa College in 1898, after which he gave much time to the troublesome questions which came to the local trustees and especially to the executive committee for settlement. He desired that the college should give to the pupils the best possible instruction, should surround them with the best influences and hold them to loyalty and to the high moral ideals which had been before the college from the beginning. He also served as a trustee of the Stewart Public Library and in 1893 was chosen mayor of Grinnell, filling the position for four years. Many substantial public improvements were incorporated during that period, sewers were laid, water-works were installed and much other practical work was done.

His political allegiance was always given to the republican party from the time when he cast his first presidential ballot for Abraham Lincoln. He was an active and influential worker in party ranks and he was twice sent to the general assembly, becoming representative of Poweshiek county in the thirty-first session of the state legislature, while in 1906 he went to the state senate from the twelfth district, composed of Poweshiek and Keokuk counties. His service in the legislature was marked by untiring devotion to duty. He rarely missed a session and even during the winter of 1908-9, when his physical condition was causing him much suffering, he was always in his place. High professional honors had come to Dr. Clark for the State Medical Society in 1907 had elected him as their president.

One of the local papers at the time of his death said: "Of late years Dr. Clark's friends have noted that the efforts of long years of arduous practice were beginning to tell upon him. He had never spared himself. Time and again when the condition of his own health should have forced him to be in bed he had gone out at night to answer the call of some one in distress. In July, 1907, he made a trip to Carneyville, Wyoming, where he had property interests, and while there suffered a heavy fall, striking his side and fracturing a rib. The injury was not in itself serious but the shock was great and soon after his return to Grinnell his condition became such as to cause great alarm. He was taken to California for the winter and when he returned to Grinnell in the spring he was apparently much improved. Declining to retire entirely from the work to which his life had been devoted, he persisted in his general practice during the summer but in September he was forced to put aside all such and on February 16, 1910, passed away." Something of the high respect entertained for him throughout the community is indicated by the fact that at the time of the burial services all business houses of the city were closed as a silent tribute to the good man who was gone.

We quote again from the Grinnell Herald, which said: "A whole city paid homage to a man who has exemplified to so great a degree the possibilities of

a life of service. He practiced with a devotion and a self-sacrifice that few realized, it was considered so much as a matter of course. No difference what his own ailment, no matter how wearied he might be from previous calls, he was always ready to answer the summons of those who needed him. He kept abreast of his profession, possessed an unerring sense of diagnosis and went to the seat of the trouble with a sound judgment rarely mistaken. No better parallel can be found to the light in which he was considered by the people of Grinnell than that of Dr. McClure, the loved physician of Drumtochty."

Iowa College closed a memorial resolution with the words: "He passed from us, from the work in which he delighted, from the community he loved, from the institutions which had profited much by his advice and his benevolence, on the 16th day of February, 1910, having lived nobly and served his generation with sacrificial and Christly whole-heartedness in Grinnell for thirty-nine years."

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#### FRANCIS M. OHMART.

A good soldier when the life of the republic was assailed and an energetic and progressive citizen in times of peace Francis M. Ohmart, of Washington township, is recognized as one of the highly respected men of Poweshiek county. He was born in Clark county, Ohio, January 12, 1842, and is a son of Christian and Mary (Snyder) Ohmart. The father was born in Clark county March 8, 1819, and the mother in Westmoreland county, Virginia, March 24, 1824. In his early manhood Mr. Ohmart, Sr., engaged in the milling business, but later took up farming in Jefferson county, Iowa, subsequently engaging in the hotel business at Trenton, Missouri. He died at Galt, Missouri, March 6, 1909, the mother having been called away two years previously on December 25, 1907. Politically he gave his support to the republican party, and although he took no active part in politics he served as a member of the school board. Both he and his wife were members of the Christian church. In their family were sixteen children: Francis M., of this review; Newton J., deceased; George W., of Oklahoma; Mary E., Martha E., John W., Alice C., Virginia B. and Samuel, all of whom are deceased; Flora, the wife of Melvin Bingham, of Galt, Missouri; Charles O., Grant and Winifred, all of whom are deceased; and three who died in infancy.

Francis M. Ohmart came to Iowa with his parents and was educated in the schools of Jefferson county. At the outbreak of the Civil war he was nineteen years of age and in response to his country's call enlisted as a private in Company K, Thirteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, September 28, 1861. For three years he faithfully performed his duty as a soldier, being advanced to the position of corporal. He participated in many of the important battles and movements of the war and was honorably discharged from the service at Chattanooga, Tennessee, November 2, 1864. Returning home, he assisted his father in the farm work and later rented a place in Van Buren county, Iowa, for seven years. He came to Poweshiek county in March, 1875, and purchased eighty acres in Washington township where he now lives. He has added one hundred and twenty acres to his original farm and by the application of systematic modern methods has at-



tained gratifying results from his labors. He specializes in raising hogs for the market and is highly successful in raising cereals.

On the 4th of July, 1865, Mr. Ohmart was married to Miss Martha M. Charles, a daughter of Abraham and Ruth (Bufkin) Charles, of Jefferson county, Iowa, and to this union two children were born: Charles O., who is living at home and Bertha M., who is deceased. The mother of these children died August 23, 1878, and Mr. Ohmart was again married on the 6th of November, 1882 to Miss Mary E. Bechtel, who was born in Van Buren county November 10, 1851, a daughter of Stephen and Martha (Mizner) Bechtel. The father was born at Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, July 4, 1816, and the mother at Ithaca, New York, May 12, 1819. They were married in Ohio and arrived in Van Buren county, Iowa, in 1840, where they continued during the remainder of their lives. Mr. Bechtel served as a member of the Home Guards at the time of the Civil war. He gave his support to the republican party and filled the office of township clerk, also serving as township trustee for ten years. He was steward and class leader of the Methodist church and an active worker in religious causes.

Francis M. Ohmart, of this review, cast his first ballot when a soldier of the Union army, voting the republican ticket, and he has discovered no reason potent enough to cause him to transfer his political allegiance to any other party. He has always discharged his duties as a citizen or in business affairs with promptness and fidelity, according to his best judgment, and he is greatly respected in a section where he has been known for more than a third of a century. It is much to his credit that those who have known him the longest are his closest friends. The prosperity which he enjoys is the result of his own well directed enterprise, as he has indeed been the architect and the builder of his own fortune.

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### ISAAC H. SAUNDERS.

Isaac H. Saunders is the owner of an excellent farm of ninety-seven acres in Union township, and while giving his attention to agricultural pursuits he also fills the position of county supervisor. He was born at Forest Home, Iowa, March 20, 1859, his parents being Aaron A. and Harriet E. (Dudley) Saunders, both of whom were natives of Greene county, Ohio, the former born May 13, 1820, and the latter on the 16th of April, 1830. Their youthful days were passed in their native county and there their marriage was celebrated. In the spring of 1851 they came to Poweshiek county and settled on section 21, Union township, where Mr. Saunders entered an eighty acre claim. With characteristic energy he began to break the sod and develop his fields, and as the years passed on he extended the boundaries of his place, eventually becoming the owner of an excellent property of two hundred and seventy acres.

On the journey westward from Greene county, Ohio, he and his family had traveled by boat from Cincinnati down the Ohio river and up the Mississippi. The boat was wrecked at the Keokuk rapids and they lost everything that they had. They were landed on the Illinois side and had to wait for a boat to get them across. It cost more to get passage over the river to Burlington than they had



paid for the trip from Cincinnati. The mother walked from Burlington to Keokuk county, as did all of the children who were old enough to do so. Their lot here in the early days was that which usually fell to the pioneers. Hardships and difficulties were to be borne in reclaiming the wild land, but in time their labor was rewarded by bounteous harvests and their property became valuable, owing to the care and cultivation which they bestowed upon the place.

The death of Aaron A. Saunders occurred November 19, 1880, while his wife survived him until the 4th of February, 1899. They were both active members of the Christian church and guided their lives by its teachings. In politics he was a republican and took a helpful interest in political affairs, yet never sought nor desired office. Unto this worthy couple were born fifteen children, six of whom died in early life, while nine are now living: Samantha, the wife of Pleasant Hayes, of Montezuma; I. S., a merchant living in Searsboro; James M., a retired farmer residing in Searsboro; Nancy S., the wife of J. N. Marsh, of Montezuma; Robert A., of Union township; Isaac H., of this review; Harry S., of Searsboro; Richard A., a merchant of Lorimor, Union county, Iowa; and E. F., who is living in Union township upon the land which his father entered from the government. He has in his possession the old patent signed by Franklin Pierce.

Isaac H. Saunders, born and reared on the old homestead, early became familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. As soon as old enough to handle the plow he began working in the fields, alternating his labors with attendance at the country schools. After his marriage he left home and began farming on his own account, cultivating rented land for a number of years, during which time he carefully saved his earnings until the sum was sufficient to enable him to purchase his present home place on section 21, Union township. This is a tract of ninety-seven acres of land, naturally rich and arable, and the improvements he has placed upon it make it a valuable and desirable farm. It presents a neat and thrifty appearance and gives every indication of careful and progressive management on the part of the owner.

On the 16th of February, 1882, Mr. Saunders was married to Miss Ida Terrell, who was born in Union township, April 19, 1861, a daughter of Dr. C. C. and Martha A. (McCoy) Terrell, who came from Clinton county, Ohio, to Poweshiek county in 1856. Here the father practiced medicine, living at Forest Home up to the time of his death, which occurred February 28, 1897, when he was about seventy-eight years of age, his birth having occurred May 30, 1819. He was a graduate of the Cincinnati Medical College and was well equipped for the onerous duties of his profession. His wife, who was born in 1822, had passed away May 23, 1882. Mr. and Mrs. Saunders became the parents of two children but Murrell, the elder, died in infancy. The daughter, Neola, is the wife of L. O. Miller, of Sugar Creek township, and they have two children: Grace, who was born September 10, 1907; and Mabel, born February 8, 1910.

In his political views Mr. Saunders has always been an earnest republican and is recognized as one of the local leaders of the party. He served as township trustee in Union township for twelve consecutive years, was also school treasurer for twelve years, and in 1906 was elected to the office of county supervisor, in which position he has been continued by reelection, his third term to begin on the 1st of January, 1912. His first term was for two years and his next

for three years. His reelections have come as an endorsement of his worth and ability in office and his loyalty to the trusts reposed in him. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Pythias of Montezuma. In every relation of life he is found reliable and straightforward and his success in business has come as the legitimate and well merited reward of his energy and industry.

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#### FREDERICK V. BEELER.

Frederick V. Beeler, a prominent farmer of Washington township, is a native of the township in which he now lives. He was born June 27, 1858, a son of George M. and Nancy (Carpenter) Beeler. The father was born in Morgan county, Indiana, and the mother in Kentucky. George M. Beeler came to Poweshiek county in 1849 and purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Washington township, following general farming and stock-raising with such success that he eventually acquired eight hundred acres of good land. He died May 3, 1886, the beloved wife and mother having been called away January 12, 1885. Both he and his wife were prominent in the good works of the community and were valued members of the Society of Friends. In politics he gave his support to the democratic party and served for several terms as township trustee.

To Mr. and Mrs. Beeler were born nine children: Susan, now the widow of Simon Watson, of Washington township; Mary Ann, the wife of William Garrett, also of Washington township; Ellen C., who married John S. Beeler, of Washington township, a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work; Jane, the wife of H. E. Vanderveer, of Texas; Levi, deceased; Frederick V.; Robert and Sarah Dorcas, both of whom are deceased; and Clement, who is now living at Grinnell. The grandparents on the maternal side were Levi and Susan (Moore) Carpenter, the former of whom was born October 14, 1797, and the latter June 14, 1798.

Frederick V. Beeler, of this review, was educated in the district schools of Washington township, and as he grew up assisted his father upon the home farm. At the age of twenty-two years he rented land upon his own account and two years later purchased one hundred and sixty acres, having previously inherited eighty acres from the family estate. He is now the owner of a farm of three hundred and eight acres, which is highly valuable on account of its fertility and productiveness. He and his family live in a comfortable house and he has erected substantial outbuildings and made numerous other improvements. The neat and thrifty appearance of everything about the place indicates the thoughtful care and practical ideas of its owner.

On the 28th of December, 1881, Mr. Beeler was united in marriage to Miss Isabel Jenkins, who was born in Grinnell township, October 17, 1862, a daughter of Nehemiah and Angeline (Hibbs) Jenkins. The father was born at Morgantown, Virginia, December 14, 1828, and the mother at Williamsburg, Indiana, September 4, 1837. He removed to Indiana with his parents who located near Williamsburg. In 1849, after his marriage to Angeline Hibbs, he



MR. AND MRS. FREDERICK V. BEELER





came to Poweshiek county. Two years later, yielding to the gold excitement, he went to California, but returned to this county in 1853 and became one of the well known farmers of Grinnell township. He died March 11, 1911, but his wife is still living at Vinton, Iowa. Politically he gave his support to the democratic party and served as township trustee and school director. He was a valued member of the Masonic order. There were seven children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins: Ambrose, now living in Grinnell; Eldora, who is the wife of Walter Vanderveer, of Ames, Colorado; Isabel, now Mrs. Frederick V. Beeler; Mary, deceased; Edna, the wife of Clement Beeler; McClellan, also deceased; and Nellie, the wife of Harry Pitman, of Vinton, Iowa. Two children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Beeler: Nellie D., who is the wife of Floyd Breeden, of Colfax, Iowa, and who has one child; Lyle A.; and Mary A., the wife of George Manor, of Carrollton, Michigan, and the mother of one child, Mildred L.

In politics Mr. Beeler adheres to the democratic party as the one which, in his opinion, can best preserve the liberties of the people. He takes the interest of a wide-awake citizen in public affairs and has served several terms as township trustee. Since his boyhood he has been actively engaged in farming in Poweshiek county, and few have possessed more favorable opportunities for the acquiring of practical knowledge and the best methods than he. His personal worth has gained him the good will of his fellowmen and he has an extensive circle of friends, who have the greatest confidence in his integrity and ability.

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#### NEWTON TYSON.

Newton Tyson, who is engaged in the carpenter business at Grinnell and is also the owner of valuable farming property, is a native of Ohio. He was born in October, 1862, a son of Hagerman and Matilda (Thompson) Tyson, the former of whom was born in Vermont and the latter in Ireland. The father was reared as a farmer and came west to Illinois where he lived for twenty-two years, later taking up his residence in Fillmore county, near Lincoln, Nebraska. He died March 22, 1909, his wife having been called away five years previously.

Newton Tyson possessed advantages of education in the common schools and assisted his father in farm work, thus becoming thoroughly acquainted with the various details of agriculture and stock-raising. After leaving Illinois he lived at Stuart, Iowa, for fifteen months and then, in 1877, having become acquainted with the advantages of Poweshiek county, located on a farm in Grinnell township, which he cultivated to good advantage for twelve years. He has made his home in Grinnell since 1899, and is engaged in the carpenter business. He owns one hundred and sixty acres of well improved land in Grinnell township and also a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Nebraska, having managed his affairs so ably that he now enjoys a handsome annual income.

In February, 1887, Mr. Tyson was united in marriage to Miss Delia Fox, a daughter of Aaron Fox, who was born in Ohio and later lived in Illinois and Iowa. One child, Matilda, who died in infancy, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ty-

son. A niece, Aletha Grinn, of Van Meter, Iowa, is a valued member of the family.

Mr. Tyson is liberal in his political views. He is in sympathy with the principles of the republican party, but in voting is not bound by party lines, especially in local elections. Socially he is well known and is an active member of the lodge of Knights of Pythias at Grinnell. He is a strong thinker and reasoner, a fine conversationalist, and is well informed upon all topics that interest a wide-awake and progressive man.

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### W. L. POWELL.

W. L. Powell is today the oldest merchant of Montezuma in years of continuous connection with the trade circles of the city. He has a well appointed grocery establishment and his success has come to him by reason of his close application, watchfulness of trade conditions and honorable dealing. Mr. Powell is a native of Virginia, his birth having occurred in Charlottesville, on the 23d of May, 1841. His parents were Benjamin L. and Mary (Vandegrift) Powell, both of whom were natives of Albemarle county, Virginia, and there spent their entire lives, passing away in Charlottesville. The father was a merchant tailor.

W. L. Powell was the eldest in a family of six children, five sons and one daughter. He remained at home until after the outbreak of the Civil war, when, in 1861, in response to the call of the Confederacy, he enlisted in defense of his loved southland, joining Company F, of the Nineteenth Virginia Regiment, which was assigned to General George E. Pickett's division. He served for four years, from May, 1861, until May, 1865, and took part in many hotly contested engagements, where his valor and loyalty never faltered. He was wounded in the battle of Fraziers Farm and again in the seven days' fight around Richmond, a minie ball injuring his left arm and hand. He was taken prisoner at Farmville, Virginia, two days before the surrender at Appomattox. He was made first sergeant on joining the army and on the reorganization of his company was elected lieutenant. For two years after the war Mr. Powell continued in the south and in 1867 made his way to Ohio, settling at Groveport, near Columbus, where he engaged in the saddlery and harness business from 1869 until 1879. In the latter year he removed to Oskaloosa, Iowa, where he conducted a grocery store until 1881. In that year he came to Montezuma, where he has since been engaged in the grocery business, and is now the oldest merchant in this city. He owns his store building and also his place of residence. His business block is a two-story brick structure, in part fifty by twenty-two feet, while the remainder is eighty-two by twenty-two feet. His property and his store are the visible evidence of his well directed thrift and industry, for his success is attributable entirely to his own labors.

In 1870 Mr. Powell was united in marriage to Miss Lydia L. Weaver, who was born in Franklin county, Ohio, May 26, 1845, and there resided until her marriage, a daughter of Giles Weaver. Mr. and Mrs. Powell became the parents of four children who died in infancy and four who are still living, namely: Ben

L., who is acting as clerk in his father's store; Holmes L., of Oklahoma; Gertrude, the wife of E. D. Rayburn, cashier of the First National Bank of Montezuma; and Catharine V., the wife of John W. Bryan, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. On the 6th of November, 1907, the wife and mother died and on the 24th of February, 1909, Mr. Powell was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Virginia Farmer. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, to the Masonic lodge and to the Eastern Star and is in thorough sympathy with the principles and purposes of the craft, which is based upon mutual helpfulness and brotherly kindness. His fellow townsmen recognize in him a reliable merchant and a worthy citizen and his success is proof of what may be accomplished when determination and energy lead the way.

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### SAMUEL OSBORN.

Samuel Osborn, who has been a resident of Poweshiek county since 1873 and during the greater portion of which time he has been engaged in agricultural pursuits, was born in Worcestershire, England, on the 9th of February, 1857, and is a son of Samuel and Elizabeth Osborn. The father was a farmer and continued to be identified with that vocation until his death, which was caused by an accident in 1859. The mother, who was born in the vicinity of Birmingham on the 20th of December, 1820, resided in England until 1873 at which time, accompanied by her daughter and son, Samuel, she joined her elder son, Frederick, who had located upon a farm in Poweshiek county two years previously. They arrived in Grinnell on the 24th of May, after spending six weeks on the boat, having come by way of New Orleans, and Mrs. Osborn immediately went to live on the farm of her son, with whom she continued to reside until his marriage. She subsequently made her home with her younger son until her death, in 1901, on the eighty-first anniversary of her birth.

Samuel Osborn, who was only an infant when his father died, was reared by his mother on the old homestead, acquiring his elementary education in the common schools of the village, and following which he was sent to a boarding school in Somersetshire for a time. Coming to America with his mother at the age of sixteen he located on his brother's farm, in the cultivation of which he assisted for six years. In 1880 he bought eighty acres of land upon which he removed the following year, engaging in its operation for nine years. At the expiration of that period he went to Pleasant township, where he resided for a year and then returned to the old homestead in Malcom township, where he remained for two years. He then removed to a place west of Grinnell, remaining there until 1895, when he came to Grinnell and where he lived for three years. In 1898 he again returned to the old homestead, on account of his sons, continuing to reside there until 1911, at which time he came back to Grinnell, where he is now living.

On the 20th of June, 1879, Mr. Osborn was united in marriage to Miss Catharine A. Gross, the ceremony occurring in Malcom township. Mrs. Osborn is a daughter of Andrew J. and Margaret (Starrett) Gross, the father a native of



Pennsylvania and the mother of Ohio. Mr. Gross was also a farmer. Five children have been born of this union: Maggie E., who was the eldest, and who is deceased; Maude J., who married Clarence S. Warne, a farmer of Villisca, Montgomery county, and has three children, Ray S., Keith L. and Esther, who is a baby; Amy, the wife of Henry Eriksen, a farmer of Grinnell township, and who has one child, Maria H.; John S., a farmer, and also is married and lives on the old homestead; and William Jackson, unmarried, who lives with his brother, John, and assists in the cultivation of the home farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Osborn are members of the Congregational church and his political allegiance is accorded to the republican party. He has filled various minor offices in the townships where he has resided and is now serving as a school director in Grinnell township. General farming and stock-raising for many years engrossed the attention of Mr. Osborn, who is now living retired, having rented his farm, which contains one hundred and sixty acres of land, to his son. He is well known throughout the county in which he has resided for thirty-eight years and where he and Mrs. Osborn have many friends.

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### JOHN J. MINCER.

Beginning in his boyhood John J. Mincer, of Grinnell, acquired habits of application and self-reliance. He worked for a number of years for others, but since 1900 has been managing a business of his own and has shown an aptitude which has produced gratifying financial returns. He was born in Mahaska county, Iowa, February 19, 1863, a son of Jacob and Martha (Marsh) Mincer. The father was a native of Richmond, Virginia, and the mother of Cincinnati, Ohio. About 1845 they started west, having decided to make their home in Iowa. There was no bridge across the Mississippi river at Burlington at that time and they were obliged to cross the river by boat. After a short stop in Monroe county they took up their permanent abode in Mahaska county, where Mr. Mincer located on government land. His death occurred February 12, 1873, the beloved wife and mother having died three years earlier.

John J. Mincer was reared on the home farm and acquired his early education in the district schools of the neighborhood. In January, 1874, being then less than twelve years of age, he came to Grinnell and since that time has made his own way in the world. For several years he worked at whatsoever he could find to do, but after arriving at the age of sixteen years he entered the employ of A. W. Thayer, who was in the restaurant business, and continued with him for two years. He then transferred his allegiance to George M. Christian, of the Chapin House, then the principal hostelry of the town. After three years' experience at the hotel he worked for a year in the factory of Craver & Steele. About this time H. W. Spaulding began in the buggy manufacturing business and Mr. Mincer secured employment in the shops of this concern, continuing there for ten years. He then bought a restaurant in Grinnell and for the first time entered business upon his own account, being very successful and giving employment to eleven persons. However, on February 13, 1903, he opened a pool and billiard hall



on Fourth avenue, but on account of the difficulty in securing employes at the restaurant he closed out that branch of his business and opened up a pool hall in a building at No. 827 Main street. On July 17, 1905, he removed his business from Fourth avenue to No. 922 Main street where he has one of the most modern and best conducted halls in central Iowa. At one time he had a hall at Montezuma, but has sold out there, and for some time was in charge of the similar establishment at Malcom. He never drinks, smokes or chews and has endeavored to maintain a pool and billiard business along strictly business lines, and in the opinion of his friends he has succeeded admirably in doing so.

On the 14th day of October, 1884, Mr. Mincer was united in marriage to Miss Flora Baird, of Grinnell. Both he and his estimable wife are members of the Episcopal church, and he is an active supporter of all movements designed to promote the prosperity of the city. Politically Mr. Mincer is in sympathy with the democratic party, but is liberal in his views, and in local affairs is not restricted by party lines in voting. No man has a wider acquaintance in this section of the state and by his genial and pleasing address he has made a host of friends.

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### OSCAR MILTON McNEAL.

The late Oscar Milton McNeal, who was one of the well known and successful agriculturists of Union township, was born in Oskaloosa, Iowa, on the 10th of November, 1852, a son of Thomas and Minerva (Kreitzswitzer) McNeal, natives of Ohio. The father, who came to Iowa in his early manhood, located on a farm in the vicinity of Oskaloosa, which he improved and cultivated until the opening of the Civil war, when, responding to his country's call for volunteers, he enlisted and went to the front where he was killed. The mother, who still survives, is living in New Sharon, Iowa. They were both members of the Methodist Episcopal church and the father voted the republican ticket. Five children were born to them in the following order: George W., who is a resident of Union township; Oscar Milton, our subject; Leona, the wife of W. F. McVey, of New Sharon, Iowa; Etta E., the wife of W. W. Garner, of Des Moines, Iowa; and Emma, the wife of John Seal, of Wichita, Kansas.

One of the older members of the family and the son of a widow, Oscar Milton McNeal early had to assist in the cultivation of the farm, acquiring his education in the district schools, at such times as his services were not required at home. After laying aside his text-books he worked for his mother until he was able to buy a farm in Union township, this county. This contained one hundred and sixty acres, in the cultivation of which he met with such success that he was later able to buy the eighty acres upon which his widow is now residing, making the aggregate of his holdings two hundred and forty acres.

On the 9th of March, 1879, Mr. McNeal was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Johnson, a daughter of Virgil H. and Mary V. (Wilson) Johnson, of Union township. Her parents were both natives of Greene county, Ohio, where they were married and began their domestic life. They were among the pioneer settlers of Poweshiek county, filing on one hundred and sixty acres of government

land in Union township. This the father cleared and improved, continuing its cultivation for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, both of whom have now passed away, were members of the Baptist church, and in politics he was a republican. Of the five children born to them Mrs. McNeal is the youngest, her birth having occurred in Union township on the 15th of September, 1858. The others are as follows: Lorenzo D., who is also a resident of Union township; Harvey P., who is living in Montezuma; Joseph A., who is residing in Maryland; and William P., of Union township. Unto Mr. and Mrs. McNeal were born nine children: William T., who is a resident of Jackson township; Walter W., at home; Jessie M., the wife of Fred Whitaker, of Canada; Lela, who died on the 28th of February, 1895, at the age of eight years, one month and twenty-seven days; Mary V., the wife of Lewis Stanford, of Montezuma; Benjamin H., who lives in Canada; and John M., Roy R. and Herman C., all of whom are at home.

Mr. McNeal, who passed away on the 17th of September, 1909, was one of the public-spirited and progressive citizens of his township. His ballot he always cast in support of the candidates of the republican party. His widow continues to cultivate the home farm and has by her capable supervision fully attested her ability not only as an agriculturist but as a business woman.

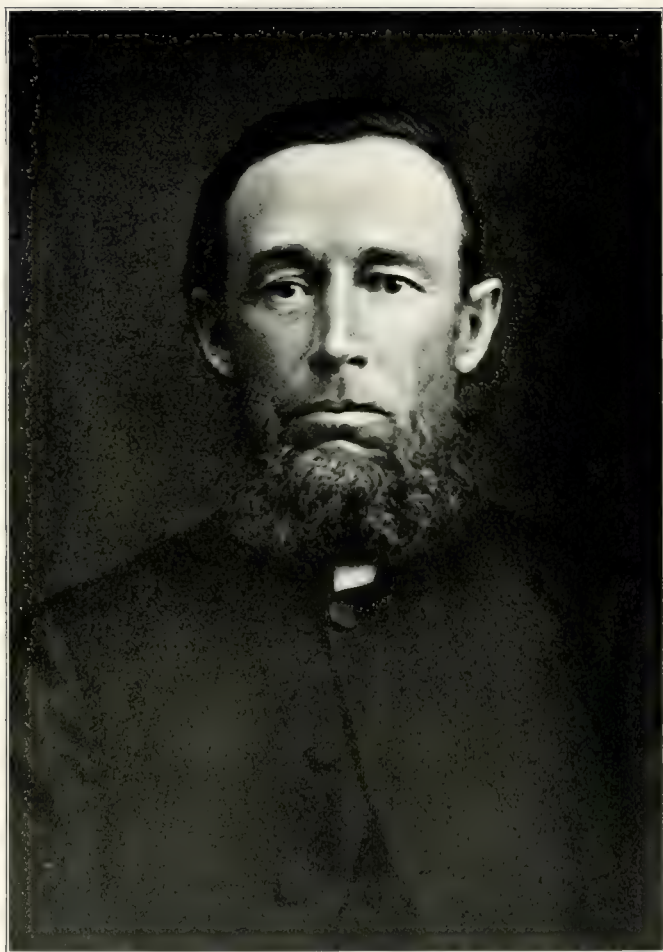
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#### JACOB B. NISWANDER.

Jacob B. Niswander, one of the best known and most highly respected citizens of Poweshiek county, is now living retired on his farm of one hundred and fifty-six acres on section 19, Warren township, on which he has made his home for the past thirty-six years. His birth occurred in Rockingham county, Virginia, on the 10th of November, 1838, his parents being Samuel and Barbara (Burner) Niswander, who, though born in this country, came of good old German stock. In 1875 they established their home in Iowa, locating in Warren township, Poweshiek county. Samuel Niswander here passed away in 1901, at the age of eighty-three years, while his wife died in 1906, her demise occurring at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Anna Lincoln, of Brooklyn, this state.

At the time of the Civil war Jacob B. Niswander went to the front in defense of his loved southland, serving for four years as a member of Company A, First Virginia Infantry. He was wounded in Morgan county, West Virginia, and subsequently reenlisted, serving with the Home Guards during the Shenandoah Valley campaign. Mr. Niswander was at Piedmont, West Virginia, where he was wounded when General Hunter led his men through the Shenandoah valley. At the time of Lee's surrender he was at home recovering from a wound. In 1872 he came west, locating in Jefferson township, Poweshiek county, Iowa, where he devoted his attention to the cultivation of rented land for four years. On the expiration of that period he purchased and located on a tract of forty acres in Warren township, later adding a quarter section of land to his holdings. At the present time he owns a fine farm of one hundred and fifty-six acres but leases the property, having put aside the active work of the fields in order that he may enjoy the evening of life in well earned ease.





J. B. NISWANDER





MRS. J. B. NISWANDER



He spends a part of each year in the home of his daughter, Mrs. John Grietch, whose husband is an agriculturist of Warren township.

In 1869, in Virginia, Mr. Niswander was united in marriage to Miss Catharine Miller, her father being John J. Miller, a well known farmer of Rockingham county, Virginia. Unto them were born seven children, two of whom died in infancy. Rebecca is the wife of Quinter Connell, an agriculturist of Warren township, by whom she has five children, namely: Earl, Ivan, Guy, Ross and Ada. All attend district school No. 9 in Warren township. John S., a farmer of Warren township, wedded Miss Ida Adams, a daughter of Warren Adams. Their union has been blessed with four children: Nina, Freemtn, Katie and Roy. Bettie is the wife of John Grietch, who follows farming in Warren township and by whom she has four children: Marvin, Celia, John and Howard. The parents of John Grietch were Joseph and Celia Grietch, natives of Germany, who emigrated to the United States and spent the remainder of their lives in Warren township, this county. Walter, an agriculturist of Warren township, married Miss Eda Adams, a sister of Mrs. John Niswander. Their children are two in number, Audrey and Thelma. Benjamin Niswander, who follows farming near Prairie City, Iowa, wedded Miss Susan Kagey, a daughter of Samuel Kagey of Virginia. Unto them were born two children, as follows: Walter; and Owen, who was killed in 1910, when a little lad of six years, being run over by a wagon. Mrs. Catharine Niswander died on the 2d of February, 1910, passing away on the old homestead in Warren township, this county.

Mr. Niswander is a democrat in his political views and held the office of road supervisor for six years. For a similar period he also served as a member of the school board in district No. 6, Warren township. He is a devoted and exemplary member of the Church of the Brethren in Warren township, to which his wife also belonged. A typical southern gentlemen of the old school, Mr. Niswander has won and retained many friends. He has now passed the seventy-second milestone on this earthly pilgrimage and enjoys the veneration and respect which should ever be accorded one who has traveled thus far on life's journey and whose career has been at all times upright and honorable.

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### JOHN M. CHAMBERLAIN.

John M. Chamberlain has been a resident of Poweshiek county for more than sixty years, having arrived in this county with his parents in his infancy, and few men can claim better acquaintance with this part of the state. He may be designated as a pioneer, having witnessed the development from the crude forest and prairie to the wonderful improvements of the twentieth century, in the course of which a complete change has been wrought in the methods of farming as well as in marketing the products of the farm.

He was born in Ohio, September 25, 1848, and is a son of John and Rosanna (Mitchell) Chamberlain. The father was a farmer and, seeking larger opportunities, came to Poweshiek county in 1849 and located in Jackson township, where he entered three hundred acres of government land. He followed his

vocation successfully until he retired a few years before his death, which occurred March 1, 1900. The beloved wife and mother died July 23, 1880. In politics Mr. Chamberlain gave his adherence to the democratic party. He was reared in the Society of Friends and continued in that faith until some time after his arrival in Iowa, when he became a member of the Presbyterian church. He was a man of excellent character, who always exercised an influence for good upon those with whom he was associated, and was known as one of the highly useful members of the community. There were nine children in his family, namely: William and James, who are deceased; Margaret, the wife of Joseph Sauls, of Gregory, Nebraska; John M., of this review; Anna, Mary and Sarah, all of whom are deceased; Alexander M., who is now living in Kansas City, Missouri; and Martha J., the widow of Thomas Wiley, of Des Moines.

John M. Chamberlain received his early education in the schools of Montezuma. As he grew up he assisted his father upon the home farm and continued on the home place until February, 1902, when he moved to Washington township, Poweshiek county, having acquired a valuable farm of one hundred and sixty acres. He follows general farming and stock-raising and has been an active factor in the work of developing this region into one of great fertility and productiveness.

On the 28th of December, 1882, Mr. Chamberlain was married to Miss Sarah E. Bryan, who was born on a farm near Montezuma, in this county, February 21, 1856, being a daughter of Bedy and Margaret A. (Victor) Bryan, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain: Sylvia Ann, who is the wife of Frank I. Temple, of Provo, Utah; Charles L., now in California, but who makes his home with his parents; William L., of Valley Junction, Iowa; and Lawrence and Clarence, twins, both of whom are at home.

Politically Mr. Chamberlain supports the democratic party, whose principles he has indorsed ever since he reached his majority. He is not identified with any religious denomination, but his wife is a valued member of the Methodist church. On account of their genial social characteristics and their long residence in the county they can claim a large circle of friends and acquaintances. Mr. Chamberlain is an intelligent, liberal-minded and patriotic citizen, and is rightly classed among the representative men of the great state of Iowa.

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#### C. W. HARTZELL.

Agricultural pursuits have always engaged the attention of C. W. Hartzell, who is engaged in general farming and stock-raising on a very attractive farm of eighty acres in Grinnell township. He was born on the 5th of December, 1863, in Hancock county, Illinois, his parents being Nath and Mary (Coontz) Hartzell, natives of Pennsylvania. The father, who was born in Westmoreland county on the 28th of July, 1834, migrated to Illinois, locating in Hancock county in 1852, where eight years later he was married. Being an agriculturist, he cultivated his farm in Illinois for seventeen years and then, with his wife and family,



removed to Iowa, settling on a farm in Grinnell township, Poweshiek county, in March, 1877. Here the mother passed away in 1901, but the father survived her for six years, his demise occurring on the 7th of August, 1907. He was a quiet, unassuming citizen, but a man of sterling worth and high principles, who was ever striving to inculcate in his children an appreciation of all that is noble and upright in thought and action, which qualities he exemplified in his daily life.

Being but a lad of thirteen years when his parents located in Poweshiek county, C. W. Hartzell obtained much of his education in the district schools of Iowa. When he had acquired such knowledge as he deemed essential to enable him to begin his business career he laid aside his text-books and engaged with his father in the cultivation of the farm, having decided that he, too, would be an agriculturist. He now owns eighty acres of fertile land which is given the careful cultivation and capable supervision that yields abundant harvests, and which is netting him gratifying financial returns. In addition to his farming Mr. Hartzell makes a specialty of raising Poland China hogs, and he is meeting with good success.

On the 28th of December, 1887, Mr. Hartzell married Miss Sarah E. Barnes, a daughter of Ira J. and Eliza (Higby) Barnes. The father was a native of Ohio and the mother of Pennsylvania, but they were married in Montezuma. Two children have been born unto Mr. and Mrs. Hartzell: Pearl E., who is a graduate of the high school, and Jessie C., who is attending the district school.

The religious views of the family are evidenced through their identification with the Baptist church of Grinnell, while politically Mr. Hartzell affiliates with the republican party. The family are well known and highly regarded in the community where they have lived for so many years and have hosts of friends, to whom the hospitality of their home is ever extended.

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#### CHARLES F. ROHR.

Charles F. Rohr, one of the most prominent and progressive farmers and stock-raisers of Malcom township, has spent his entire life within the boundaries of Poweshiek county, his birth having occurred in Sheridan township on the 19th of March, 1877. His parents, Henry and Wilhelmina (Schroeder) Rohr, were both natives of Holstein, Germany, where the father's birth occurred on the 5th of January, 1842, and the mother's on April 14, 1852. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, came to the United States at an early day and took up his abode in Iowa, carrying on agricultural pursuits in Scott county for about a year. Later he came to Poweshiek county, where he worked for about three years as a farm hand, after which he was married, on the 15th of November, 1874. He then purchased a farm of his own and continued to engage in general farming throughout the remainder of his life. He was a very industrious, enterprising man, and that success came to him in substantial measure with the passing of the years is indicated by the fact that, although he came to this country without any capital, at the time of his demise, which occurred near Grinnell, Iowa, on the 2d of August, 1909, he was the owner of two hundred acres located on sec-

tion 20, Malcom township; one hundred and seventy-seven acres in Grinnell township; one hundred and sixty acres in Saskatchewan, Canada; and a five-acre tract in Grinnell township, upon which his last years were spent. His wife still survives him and makes her home on her farm of one hundred and twenty acres, a part of the original homestead. In their family were eight children, as follows: Lena, the wife of William Bastian, of Newbury; Charles F., of this review; Henry W., who passed away at the age of eight months; Lizzie, a trained nurse; Sophia, the wife of William Bost, of Malcom township; Christ H., of Pleasant township; John H., residing with Charles F., on the home farm; and Ella A., who makes her home with her mother.

Charles F. Rohr was but eight years of age when his parents came to Malcom township, and consequently almost his entire life has been spent on the old homestead farm. Reared to agricultural pursuits, he assisted in the work of plowing, planting and harvesting through the spring and summer months, while a short period each winter was devoted to study in the district schools, wherein he mastered a fair knowledge of the common branches of learning. He has always made farming the source of his livelihood and in this direction his efforts have been most successful. He owns eighty acres of the old homestead farm, and in addition to its cultivation also operates his mother's farm of one hundred and twenty acres. The place is a well improved one, the father having erected good buildings and introduced many modern improvements which greatly enhanced its value. Mr. Rohr engages in general farming and also is an extensive raiser and feeder of stock, fattening for the market about two carloads of hogs and from two to three carloads of cattle annually. He is a man of energy and perseverance, possessing sound business ability and keen discrimination, and his interests are so widely conducted that he now ranks among the enterprising and prosperous agriculturists of this district.

On the 26th of February, 1908, Mr. Rohr was united in marriage to Miss Rosie S. Beck, a native of Germany, born in Brettbach, Weinsburg, Wurtemberg, on the 11th of December, 1886. In March, 1905, she came to Poweshiek county, Iowa, with her parents, Louis and Katharine (Heinle) Beck, who now reside in Chester township. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Rohr have been born two children: Henrietta Louise and Erwin Karl.

A resident of Poweshiek county throughout his entire lifetime, Mr. Rohr has become widely known in the community in which he has so long made his home, and that he has ever proved himself a worthy citizen is indicated by the fact that many of his best friends are those who have known him from his boyhood.

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#### LOUIS H. RINEFORT.

The clothing business of Grinnell finds an able representative in Louis H. Rinefort, who is at the head of one of the best appointed clothing establishments in this part of the state. He has had a large acquaintance with the business and, being a man of good taste and excellent judgment, he has the ability to meet the wants of his patrons. He is a native of Poweshiek county,

and was born April 17, 1876, a son of Christian and Lucinda (Stromer) Rinefort, record of whom appears in the sketch of Andrew C. Rinefort, which is presented elsewhere in this work.

Louis H. Rinefort was reared on the home farm and attended the district schools, later becoming a student of the Grinnell high school, from which he was graduated in 1895. After leaving school he became a clerk in the clothing store of G. H. McMurray, continuing as such for four years, when he purchased a half interest in the business, the style of the firm becoming McMurray & Rinefort. In 1907 he sold his interest to his partner, but continued under him as a salesman. In February, 1911, having decided to devote his life to a vocation for which he seemed eminently adapted, he purchased Mr. McMurray's interest and is now sole proprietor of the store. He has been connected with the business for more than fifteen years and is one of the best known men in this line in Poweshiek county.

In October, 1905, Mr. Rinefort was united in marriage at Grinnell to Miss Mable Wetmore, a daughter of George E. and Ella (Milliman) Wetmore. The father was for many years engaged in the hardware business in this city and is now deceased, but the mother is still living and makes her home with the subject of this review. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Rinefort has been blessed by the birth of one child: Harry Edwin.

Mr. Rinefort politically gives his adherence to the republican party, but in local affairs pays little attention to party lines. He has never been an office seeker, as his energies have been concentrated upon his business. Socially he is well known and highly popular. He is a valued member of Marshalltown Lodge, No. 312, B. P. O. E., and in his life he practices the principles of brotherhood so beautifully inculcated by that order. He was early actuated by a laudable ambition to acquire a responsible position among his fellowmen, and this ambition has been realized. His good fortune is due to his energy, ability and integrity—three elements that are almost certain to lead to happiness and financial prosperity.

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### BENJAMIN B. GRIFFITH.

Benjamin B. Griffith, a pioneer of 1845, has now for sixty-six years been a witness of the development of the county and in substantial measure has aided in its progress and improvement. Success has come to him as the years have passed by, enabling him now to live retired. He was born in Jamestown, Ohio, September 1, 1837, and is a son of Isaac N. and Paulina P. (Johnson) Griffith. The father was born in Virginia, March 3, 1813. The mother was born in Ohio, August 10, 1815, of English parentage, while the father of Isaac N. Griffith was a native of Wales and his mother was of Pennsylvania German birth. In the year 1845 Isaac N. Griffith and his wife came to Iowa, settling in Henry county, and throughout his remaining days he was a resident of this state, his death occurring in Carroll county, August 10, 1890. He had entered land in Henry county, where he lived for two years, and later



entered land in Mahaska, Poweshiek and Marshall counties. After living in Henry county for two years the family in 1847 settled on the boundary line between Mahaska and Poweshiek counties and here Benjamin B. Griffith has since made his home.

Benjamin B. Griffith was but ten years of age when the family took up their abode on the Poweshiek county farm. He rode horseback from here to Iowa City, remaining in the saddle from sunrise to sunset in order to enter a piece of land which his father had staked out, wishing to secure the claim before it could be entered by another man who desired the same property. The entire distance covered by Mr. Griffith in his ride was sixty miles. At the family home were six children born of the father's first marriage: Hannah Ann, now the deceased wife of Rev. John Hestwood; Benjamin B.; John, living in Chicago; James E., a resident of Carroll, Iowa; Eli P., of Fort Dodge; and Helen, the wife of Louis Barger, of Carroll. The mother of these children passed away in Henry county, December 30, 1850, and the father afterward married again. By this second marriage he had two children: Isaac Newton, now living in Kansas City; and Mrs. Ella Aiken, of Glidden, Iowa.

The boyhood experiences of Benjamin B. Griffith were those which usually fall to the lot of farm lads. He aided in the arduous task of developing a new farm, the difficult work of breaking the sod and preparing the fields for cultivation early falling to his lot. At sixteen years of age he began working his way through school, desirous to enjoy a better education than had been accorded him in the public schools. He attended the state normal at Oskaloosa for a time and later spent two years in Western College at Tama, Iowa. His broadening knowledge better equipped him for life's practical duties and for six or seven years he engaged in teaching in the country schools of Poweshiek and Mahaska counties for a part of the time, devoting other portions of the year to farming.

On the 14th of April, 1858, Mr. Griffith was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Ferneau, who was born in Ohio, September 15, 1841, and in 1856 came to Iowa with her father, Levi William Ferneau. The children of this marriage were ten in number: Mrs. Ada L. Mullen, who is now living with her father and had two children, of whom one is yet living, Hugh E., who is engaged on the construction of the Panama canal; Frank E., of Des Moines; Maude N., who became the wife of Charles Brooks and died, leaving three sons, Ross, William and Mark, who are living with their grandfather; Blanche Paulina, the wife of C. L. Harris, of Montezuma, and the mother of two children, Elizabeth and Larid; Ralph H., who is principal of the schools at Thornton, Iowa, and has three children, Lihl, Louise and David; Kate Anna, the wife of C. W. Manatt, of Carroll, and the mother of two children, Naomi and Kathryn; Dick Carl, living in Montezuma; Hugh Bush, who has one son, Gerald, and makes his home in Montezuma; and two children who died in infancy.

Mr. Griffith engaged in farming for two years after his marriage. He put aside all business cares and considerations, however, at the time of the Civil war and from the schoolhouse where he was teaching he enlisted on the 14th of August, 1862, as a member of Company B, Fortieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He was on active duty for fourteen months and was then honorably discharged



on account of disability. He has since resided in Montezuma, where he has followed merchandising most of the time. After the war, however, he established a barber shop and his two sons living in Montezuma are now engaged in the same business. In his political views Mr. Griffith is a democrat but has never sought nor desired office. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and to the Grand Army of the Republic and his brethren of those fraternities entertain for him warm and kindly regard. During his long residence here he has become very widely known and his many good qualities have gained him the friendship and esteem of all. The story of Poweshiek county's development is a familiar one to him. He came here when Montezuma had no existence, when only here and there had a settlement been made, much of the land being still in possession of the government. The broad prairies were starred with a million wild flowers in June and in winter were covered with an unbroken, dazzling sheet of snow. One could ride a long distance without coming to a fence or house to impede progress and the most farsighted would scarcely have dreamed of the wonderful development which was to take place, making this one of the prosperous and popular counties of the state.

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### JOHN WESLEY COCHRAN.

John Wesley Cochran, who is engaged in agricultural pursuits in Union township, where he owns a farm of sixty-eight acres, was born in Jackson township, Poweshiek county, on the 4th of November, 1860. He is the eldest son of Hiram and Mary Jane (Saunders) Cochran, the father a native of Indiana, having been born in the vicinity of Fort Wayne, and the mother of Ohio. Hiram Cochran was reared and educated in his native state, where for a time he engaged in farming. In his early manhood he removed to Iowa, locating upon a farm in Jackson township, Poweshiek county, and here he met and subsequently married Miss Saunders. He later disposed of his land in this county and bought a farm in Union township, Mahaska county, where he passed away on the 24th of August, 1874. Mrs. Cochran survived him until 1882, continuing to reside upon the homestead in Union township. Five children were born of their marriage, those beside our subject being: Frances Elmira, deceased; Selkirk Saunders, who is a resident of Jackson township; William A., who is living in Union township; and Mary Alfretta, the wife of Elliott Bryant, of Montezuma. The father voted the republican ticket and served one or two terms as school director. His wife was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

The education of John Wesley Cochran was begun in the district schools of Poweshiek county and completed in those of Mahaska county. Although he was only a lad of fourteen years when his father died he was assisting in the cultivation of the home farm, and being the eldest of the family naturally his duties became quite heavy during the early widowhood of the mother. After leaving home he worked for an uncle for a time, but being desirous to engage in farming for himself he later rented land in Jackson township, which he cul-

tivated for years, and also ran a threshing machine. In 1891 he bought his present place in Union township and has ever since continuously resided there. He has remodeled and built additions to many of the buildings and effected various other improvements, all of which have added greatly to the appearance as well as value of the property.

Mr. Cochran established a home by his marriage on the 24th of January, 1882, to Miss Fannie Howard, a daughter of James and Martha (Barber) Howard, of Mahaska county. Her parents were both natives of England, who emigrated to the United States and located south of Oskaloosa. There the father, who was a traveling man, passed away, but the demise of the mother occurred in Union township, Mahaska county. In politics Mr. Howard was a republican. Mrs. Cochran is also a native of England, her natal day being the 2d of May, 1862. By her marriage she became the mother of six children: William E., who is a resident of Colorado; Vergie Jane, the wife of Calvin Cutler, also of Colorado; James Hiram, who is living in Colorado; Charles Edwin, who is at home; Frederick, deceased; and Ernest La Verne, at home. They also have one grandchild, Theron John, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Cutler.

The family attend the Methodist Episcopal church, of which Mr. Cochran is a member, and fraternally Mr. Cochran is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias, being identified with the lodges of Montezuma. His right of franchise he exercises in support of the candidates of the republican party and for the past four terms has been township trustee. He as well as his wife, is favorably known in Union township among whose citizens they have many friends.

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### JOHN T. ROUDABUSH.

John T. Roudabush, a well known and successful agriculturist of Bear Creek township, owns and cultivates a highly improved farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 11. His birth occurred in Rockingham county, Virginia, on the 14th of September, 1848, his parents being Jacob and Malinda (Andes) Roudabush, who were likewise natives of that county. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, there spent his entire life, passing away about 1872. At the time of the Civil war he went to the front in defense of his beloved southland. His wife was called to her final rest about 1871.

John T. Roudabush remained under the parental roof until twenty-one years of age and when not busy with his text-books assisted his father in the operation of the home farm. On attaining his majority he was employed by the month as a farm hand by an uncle, Noah Beery, for whom he worked for a year and a half. On the 26th of February, 1870, he took up his abode in Warren county, Illinois, there working on a farm by the month for five and a half years. On the expiration of that period he came to Iowa, locating in Bear Creek township, Poweshiek county, where he resided for eighteen months and then returned to his native state and was married. After returning to this county with his



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young bride he rented a farm in Bear Creek township, one mile east of Brooklyn, being busily engaged in its operation for six years. At the end of that time he purchased eighty acres of the farm on which he has resided continuously since and which now embraces a quarter section of land. He likewise owns another tract of one hundred and sixty acres one mile north, in Bear Creek township, which is the home of his son, Gordie G. In addition to raising the cereals best adapted to soil and climate Mr. Roudabush also feeds hogs to some extent. He likewise has good orchards and there is no waste land in his farm, all of it being well improved and tiled. In the conduct of his agricultural interests he has won a gratifying measure of prosperity, being numbered among the substantial and representative citizens of the community.

On the 6th of February, 1876, Mr. Roudabush was united in marriage to Miss Sophia Rhoades, a native of Rockingham county, Virginia, and a daughter of Jacob C. and Sallie (Berry) Rhoades. The father, who was also born and reared in that county, was a carpenter by trade and spent his entire life in the Old Dominion. During the period of hostilities between the north and south he was a member of the same regiment to which Jacob Roudabush belonged. His demise occurred in 1884, while his wife was called to her final rest in 1867. Mr. and Mrs. Roudabush are the parents of two children. G. G., who lives on a farm on section 1, Bear Creek township, wedded Miss Gertrude Doty, a daughter of Abel Doty of Madison township, and has one child, Johnnie E., a little lad of three years. Mamie E. Roudabush is still under the parental roof.

Mr. Roudabush is a democrat in politics and for two years has served as director of school district No. 1, Bear Creek township. Both he and his wife are devoted and consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Brooklyn. The period of his residence in Poweshiek county covers more than a third of a century and he is well and favorably known within its borders.

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### PETER SCHNEEKLOTH.

Among the residents of Malcom township who are now living retired, their present comfortable financial position being the direct result of former activity and enterprise along agricultural lines, is numbered Peter Schneckloth. As the name indicates he is of German descent, his birth occurring in Holstein, Germany, on the 19th of January, 1841. His parents, Clause and Mary (Gotsch) Schneckloth, spent their entire lives in the fatherland, where the father followed the occupation of farming. Peter Schneckloth, their only child, was reared and educated in his native land. After attaining manhood he decided to seek the opportunities of the new world. Consequently the year 1864 witnessed his arrival in the United States and, making his way direct to Iowa, he located first in Davenport, where he was employed in a malt house for about three years. He next engaged as a teamster for one year, after which six years were devoted to agricultural pursuits in Scott county.

In 1873 he came to Malcom township, where he purchased a tract of one hundred and sixty acres on section 27, and to the operation of which he gave

his close attention until fifteen years ago, when he sold it to his elder son, who still makes it his home. He then invested in one hundred and sixty acres in Pleasant township, five miles south of Malcom, and there he resided for four years, when he sold that farm to his younger son and again came to Malcom township. He did not again take up agricultural pursuits, however, but withdrew from the active work of the farm and is now living retired, enjoying a well merited rest after a life of industry, perseverance and close application to business affairs. Preferring the scenes and environment of rural life to those of the town, he erected his present home on the old homestead and he and his son each have a most comfortable and attractive dwelling on that place. He is also the owner of one hundred and sixty acres in Wilkin county, Minnesota.

In 1863, in Holstein, Germany, Mr. Schneekloth was united in marriage to Miss Thriena Schneekloth who, although of the same name, was no relative. Her birth occurred on the 17th of January, 1844, and ere their removal to the United States Mr. and Mrs. Schneekloth became the parents of a son, John N., now owning and operating the home farm. Two others have since been added to the household, however, namely: Louis, who passed away at the age of five years; and Henry T., of Montezuma, Iowa.

Mr. Schneekloth was reared in the faith of the Lutheran church, although he is not at present a member of that denomination, and fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In politics he is an independent democrat, supporting the democratic party where national questions are at issue, but at local elections voting for the best man and most desirable measures. In his life he has exemplified many of the sturdy traits of the Teutonic race and some of the best qualities of his adopted country, a combination which has won him a place among the substantial and representative citizens of Poweshiek county.

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#### LAMBERT L. WOODS.

A highly improved and carefully cultivated farm of sixty acres in Grinnell township pays tribute to the agricultural skill of Lambert L. Woods, who was born in Chester township, Poweshiek county, in August, 1867. His parents, Abner and Maria (Lightner) Woods, were natives of Pennsylvania, the father born in Mercer county and the mother in Huntingdon. Mr. Woods, who was always identified with general farming and stock breeding, removed to Poweshiek county in 1864, locating upon a quarter section of land in Chester township. He continued to reside there until 1877, at which time he removed to Grinnell township, where he passed away in 1893, his wife surviving him for a year. They were among the early settlers of the county and had been compelled to endure many of the hardships and privations which ever fall to the lot of those who undertake to settle in a new country. Mr. Woods was a man of sterling worth and integrity and possessed many friends who accorded him the esteem he well merited.

The boyhood and youth of Lambert L. Woods were spent under the paternal roof, his time being largely devoted to the acquirement of an education. Following his graduation from the Grinnell high school in 1884 he decided to become a chemist, so he entered the Iowa College, being awarded his degree in 1890. He subsequently entered the employ of the Illinois Steel Company, serving as chemist in both their Chicago and Joliet plants for two years. From there he went to Pueblo, Colorado, where he accepted a position with the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company, which he relinquished in order to return to Iowa and engage in farming. Mr. Woods enjoys country life and is meeting with most gratifying success in his ventures. Although he is doing general farming the greater part of his time and attention is devoted to the breeding of Duroc-Jersey hogs and buff Plymouth Rock chickens, both of which he has found to be most lucrative. His is one of the model farms of the township; the improvements are all good and kept in excellent repair, the lawn carefully mowed, the trees and hedge well trimmed and, in fact, everything about the place bespeaks that careful regard for details which invariably indicates the capable supervision of the competent and successful agriculturist. The property is located just outside of the city limits and the residence is large, comfortable and homelike in appearance and thoroughly modern in all of its appointments.

Mr. Woods is a progressive, public-spirited, but thoroughly practical man, and although he takes much interest in the commercial and political advancement of the community his energies are very largely concentrated upon the development of his personal interests.

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#### MRS. TALITHA HARNER.

Mrs. Talitha Harner is a representative of one of the old and honored pioneer families of Poweshiek county and has lived in this part of the state since a little maiden of eight summers, having for sixty-two years been a witness of all the changes that have occurred in transforming the wild prairie land into productive and fertile farms dotted here and there with thriving towns and prosperous villages. She was born in Greene country, Ohio, November 22, 1841, a daughter of Alanson and Easter (Mendenhall) Bryan, of whom extended mention is made in connection with the history of Bedy Bryan on another page of this volume.

The family arrived in Iowa in 1849, settling about three miles northeast of Oskaloosa, and upon the home farm there Mrs. Harner resided until her marriage. She was carefully trained in the duties of the household and was, therefore, well qualified to take charge of a home of her own when in March, 1857, she became the wife of Samuel S. Roberts, who was born in Indiana in 1834 and in early manhood came to Iowa with his brother, settling in Mahaska county. They began their domestic life in Poweshiek county, settling on a farm which her father had entered and gave to her. It was a tract of one hundred and twenty acres in Pleasant township, seven miles northwest of Montezuma. Mr. Roberts continued the cultivation of that place until Decem-



ber, 1863, when he felt that his first duty was to his country and enlisted from Montezuma under Captain Campbell in Company B, Fortieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He was wounded at Okolona, Arkansas, April 3, 1864, and was taken prisoner. Later he was recaptured by his own company, but was again taken prisoner at Camden, Arkansas, all this occurring within twenty-four hours. As he was unable to ride horseback he could not get away and his brother was obliged to leave him. The lack of attention and the treatment which he received in prison as well as his wounds caused his death on the 29th of June, 1864. His comrade, Conrad Blewer, who was also a prisoner at the same time, reported to his widow the circumstances and details of his demise. They were the parents of four children: Andrew M., now of Oregon; Dennis M., of Pleasant township; Pertzell E., who died at the age of one and one-half years; and Ruth A. J., the wife of John E. Gregson, of Grinnell. Mrs. Harner has eleven grandchildren living and six great-grandchildren.

After the death of her first husband she left the farm in Pleasant township in March, 1864, and removed to Montezuma where she spent one year. She then went to her father's farm in Oskaloosa and resided there until 1869. In that year she returned to Poweshiek county and in 1877 again took up her abode upon the old home farm in Pleasant township. In December, 1879, she was again married, becoming the wife of Andrew Harner, who was born in Virginia, June 16, 1814, and when three years of age was taken by his parents to Ohio where he was reared and educated and began farming. In the spring of 1837 he went to Indiana where he also carried on agricultural pursuits, and in 1855 he arrived in Poweshiek county, Iowa. By a previous marriage he had six children. After he married Mrs. Roberts they lived upon his farm, which was situated two and one-half miles from Montezuma. He died December 26, 1883.

After being again left a widow Mrs. Harner returned to her old home in Pleasant township, and for twenty-one years she made her home with her children and friends. Seven years ago, however, in February, 1904, she purchased her present home in Montezuma and sold her farm to her daughter. She is comfortably situated in life and not only has a sufficient amount of this world's goods to supply her with the necessities but also with the luxuries of life, and, moreover, has a large circle of warm friends who regard her most kindly.

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### WILLIAM P. JOHNSON.

William P. Johnson, who is engaged in the cultivation of eighty acres of the homestead farm upon which he was born on the 18th of April, 1854, is also devoting his attention to the real-estate business. His parents, the late Virgil Harrison and Mary (Wilson) Johnson, were natives of Ohio, the father's birth occurring in Highland county on the 16th of September, 1813, and that of the mother in Greene county, her natal day being the 8th of May, 1816. They were reared, educated and married in the Buckeye state, where Mr. Johnson engaged in farming until his thirty-sixth year. In 1849 he and his family migrated to



Iowa, locating in Poweshiek county. Upon his arrival here he filed upon one hundred and sixty acres of government land in Union township, which he improved and placed under cultivation. He continued to operate this until he passed away on the 5th of April, 1893. His wife survived him for five years, her demise occurring on the 9th of June, 1898. He had met with more than average success in his work and in addition to his homestead, upon which he had made very good improvements, he owned thirty acres of timber land. Both parents were active members of the Baptist church, Mr. Johnson being one of the trustees, and he was also an ardent republican. He always took an active interest in all township politics and served in both the capacity of school director and road supervisor.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Virgil H. Johnson were born the following children: Lorenzo D., who was born in Greene county, Ohio, on the 4th of February, 1842, and is now a resident of Union township; Carey A., whose birth occurred on the 20th of November, 1845, in Greene county, Ohio, and is now deceased; Harvey P., also a native of the Buckeye state, his birth occurring in February, 1849, and now a resident of Montezuma; Joseph A., who was born on the 15th of April, 1851, and is living in Maryland; William P., our subject; Merritt U., who was born on the 20th of June, 1856, and is deceased; and Mary Angeline, the widow of O. M. McNeal, of Union township.

The life of William P. Johnson has thus far been spent in Union township, in whose schools he obtained his education. He remained at home with his parents, assisting in the cultivation of the farm, until after the demise of his father. Subsequently he purchased eighty acres of the homestead, where he has ever since continuously resided, engaging in general farming, and also in the real-estate business.

On the 10th of October, 1888, Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Miss Georgiana Mackie, a daughter of Jesse Stanford and Wealthy Jane (Skeels) Mackie, residents of Union township, and of this union there has been born one child, Lettie Mae, whose birth occurred on the 9th of May, 1895.

Ever since age conferred upon him the full rights of citizenship Mr. Johnson has supported the republican ticket, but he does not actively participate in politics. He is well and favorably known to the citizens of Union township, numbering among his friends many of the comrades of his boyhood, which fact is a tribute to his character.

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#### MORTON MONROE GREGSON.

Although Poweshiek county owes much to settlers from other parts of the state and country for its high reputation as one of the richest agricultural sections of the Union, there are many young men assisting in its advancement who are natives of this county. Growing up under favorable conditions, they became highly efficient, and the effect of their application is to be seen in farms whose appearance to the traveler as he rides through the county is evidence of a high degree of prosperity.

Mr. Gregson of this review is a native son of Poweshiek county, and was born on a farm in Union township, February 23, 1871, his parents being Martin and Eliza (Carpenter) Gregson. The father was born in Morgan county, Indiana, July 11, 1832, and the mother in the same county April 11, 1841. He engaged in farming and also became a minister of the Baptist church. Arriving in Poweshiek county, Iowa, he located in Union township, where he purchased eighty acres of land, to which he made additions as his resources permitted until he became the owner of two hundred and thirty-four acres. After many years of effective labor on the farm and also in the pulpit he sold his place and moved to Searsboro. He is now living retired at Marshalltown. Mrs. Gregson was called from earthly scenes May 28, 1898. The father gives his support politically to the democratic party and served several terms as member of the school board. Fraternally he is identified with the Masonic order. There were fourteen children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Gregson, namely: America J., Theodore, Commodore and Florida Jane, all of whom are deceased; Mabel, who is the wife of William Pilgrim, of Grinnell; Dayton P., of Searsboro; Amos B., of Sugar Creek township; Morton M., the subject of this review; Eli M., who is living at Oskaloosa, Iowa; Leon L., of Marshalltown, Iowa; Nellie, the wife of Ray Butler, of Marshalltown; Sarah Alma, who married Frank Faulkenburg, of Montezuma; Clarence A., of Ames, Iowa, and George T., of Cedar Rapids.

Morton Monroe Gregson received his preliminary education in the district schools of Union township. He assisted upon the home farm until he arrived at the age of twenty-one years and then for seven years rented land on his own account in Washington township. In 1901 he purchased eighty acres and later acquired forty acres more, which he has developed into a beautiful place, having made many improvements, greatly enhancing its value. He is highly successful as a farmer, especially in raising and feeding stock for the market.

On the 24th of November, 1892, Mr. Gregson was married to Miss Dolly Viola Evans, who was born in Washington township, October 22, 1872, a daughter of James Daniel and Anna Eliza (Farmer) Evans. The parents were both born near Jamestown, Ohio, but were married in Poweshiek county, Iowa. Mr. Evans located in Washington township, where he engaged in farming for many years. He is now living retired with his wife upon the home place. He served faithfully for the Union in the Civil war for a period of four years as a private in the Twenty-eighth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. In politics he adheres to the republican party and has served as township trustee. He holds membership in the Grand Army of the Republic and is also a consistent member of the Christian church.

Five children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Gregson, namely: Velma Pearl, who was born September 20, 1893; Bertha Grace, born July 16, 1897, and who died December 30, 1909; Agnes Irene, born September 9, 1901; Ada Bernice, born January 16, 1904; and Helen Mabel, born August 19, 1906.

In politics Mr. Gregson supports the candidates and principles of the democratic party, but has never sought the honors of public office, save that of school director. He is a member of the Odd Fellows' lodge at Searsboro. He early made a choice of farming as his life work and gives his best thoughts and

energy to his calling, thereby meeting with the reward which always attends wisely directed application. As the head of a promising and happy family and engaged in a prosperous and successful business he may be designated as one of the fortunate citizens of Poweshiek county.

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### ALANSON BRYAN.

Six decades have been added to the cycle of the centuries since Alanson Bryan became a resident of Montezuma. Great have been the changes that occurred within that period and with the work of progress and improvement he has been associated. A native of Ohio, he was born in Greene county, April 27, 1843, his parents being Neri and Sarah (Mendenhall) Bryan, who were also natives of the same county, the father having been born there March 11, 1820, while the mother was born November 18, 1822. They were married May 21, 1840, and lived for several years in the Buckeye state, but in 1846 became residents of Jefferson county, Iowa. On the 25th of January, 1850, they arrived in Montezuma, where their remaining days were passed. The father's death occurred December 2, 1903, while the mother died on the 27th of March, 1868. He had followed farming during much of his life but also worked at the carpenter's trade and engaged in the manufacture of brick, continuing in that business from 1860 until his retirement a few years before his death. He made the first brick in the county. His farm was a tract of eighty acres a mile north of Montezuma, in Scott township, and this he entered from the government.

The children of his first marriage were: Silas, who enlisted in Company F, Tenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, in 1861, and was killed at the battle of Champion's Hill, Mississippi, May 16, 1863; Alanson; John M., who enlisted from this county, January 1, 1864, as a member of Company B, Fortieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and was wounded at Fort Smith, Arkansas, his death resulting from his injuries; William A., a retired farmer of Montezuma; and Mrs. Elma I. McCoy, now deceased. After losing his first wife Neri Bryan married Margaret Kirk and they had three children: Charles D., of Union township; Mrs. Lucy R. Dalbey, of Mason City, Iowa; and Mrs. Mary E. Fleanor, of Reasnor, Iowa.

Alanson Bryan, whose name introduces this review, came with his parents to this state almost two-thirds of a century ago and in January, 1850, arrived in Montezuma, where he has since lived. Like his father he has engaged in agricultural pursuits, in the manufacture of brick and in carpentry and has led a busy and useful life. But his labors were interrupted at the time of the Civil war for with patriotic ardor he responded to the country's call for troops, enlisting on the 22d of August, 1862, as a member of Company B, Fortieth Iowa Infantry. He was mustered out at Fort Gibson, in the Cherokee Nation, Indian territory, August 16, 1865, having taken part in all the engagements of his regiment, which was assigned to duty with the Army of the West.



It was not long after his return from the war that Mr. Bryan was married, the wedding being celebrated February 15, 1866, when Sarah P. Ewing became his wife. She was born at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, November 24, 1844, and was brought to Poweshiek county by her parents, Samuel and Prudence Ewing, in the '50s. She died March 3, 1873, leaving a daughter, Florence L., now the wife of A. U. Dalbey, of Barnes City, Iowa, by whom she had seven children, four of whom are living.

After his return from the war Mr. Bryan carried on business pursuits until about ten years ago when he retired and is now enjoying a well earned rest made possible by the fruits of his former toil. He is a republican but has never sought or desired office. Fraternally he is connected with the Grand Army of the Republic and thus maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades. He has always been true and loyal in matters of citizenship, displaying the same fidelity in times of peace that he manifested when he followed the stars and stripes on southern battlefields.

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### JOHN H. PATTON.

John H. Patton, one of the most prominent lawyers of Poweshiek county, whose connection with the bar is characterized not only by marked ability in the preparation and presentation of his cause, but also in fidelity to a high standard of commercial ethics, was born in Curwensville, Clearfield county, Pennsylvania, February 8, 1856, a son of Edward B. and Esther A. (Mason) Patton, both of whom were natives of the Keystone state. Following their marriage they located in Curwensville. The Patton family for generations have been prominent in the public life of Pennsylvania. The great-grandfather, John Patton, was a member of Washington's staff in the Revolutionary war and an uncle, John Patton, brother of Edward B. Patton, was a member of congress from his district and his son, Jack, was United States senator from Michigan by appointment of Governor Trowbridge. At the expiration of that term he refused to become a candidate for the regular election, although it was conceded that he could have the position for the asking. Other members have been prominent in public life. Edward B. Patton, the father, was a contractor and builder, who remained always a resident of Curwensville, Pennsylvania, where he died in 1908, at the venerable age of eighty-one years. His wife passed away on the morning of July 4, 1861, and so greatly was she esteemed and beloved in her town that all patriotic demonstrations were suspended and not an unnecessary sound was heard there during the day through respect to her memory.

John H. Patton was reared under the parental roof. He was only five years of age at the time of his mother's death and he is largely a self-educated as well as self-made man. He naturally enjoyed the advantages of the district schools and, as the Pattons were a family of affluence in Pennsylvania, he could have had a course in Yale, but he chose the independent plan and has





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depended upon life's experiences and his own exertions for a higher education. At the early age of nineteen years he was a newspaper editor and publisher, editing the Curwensville Times. While thus engaged during the Hayes and Tilden campaign of 1876 he published a criticism of J. Blake Walters, which was taken up and copied broadly by the Philadelphia papers and resulted in the defeat of Walters, who started a suit against Mr. Patton for libel, but the latter's statement was readily proven.

The following year Mr. Patton sought a home in the west, coming to Grinnell, Iowa, and during the succeeding three years was connected, a part of the time, with the Grinnell Herald and a part of the time with the Citizens' Bank. In 1880 he took charge of the Grinnell Independent, publishing this as a semi-weekly republican newspaper. During the period of his connection with the paper as its editor he brought forth an editorial on the Tilden and Hayes campaign, giving his reasons for his belief that Samuel J. Tilden was at that time elected president. This editorial came to the attention of Charles A. Dana, of the New York Sun, and was copied in his paper—rather an unusual occurrence for a distinguished editor of a metropolitan journal to copy from a rural newspaper. Mr. Patton continued to dictate the policy of the Grinnell Independent until 1887. He was a forceful writer, clear and cogent in the statement of his opinions and in the defense of his position, and his editorials attracted wide attention.

In the general election of 1886 Mr. Patton was elected district clerk and entered upon the duties of the office in January, 1887, removing to Montezuma, where he continued to fill the position for three terms, his reelections being incontrovertible proof of the recognition of his ability and trustworthiness on the part of his fellow townsmen. In his early manhood Mr. Patton had formed the habit of night study and for years there was not an evening passed that he did not read until twelve o'clock. This habit became so fixed with him that it seemed as necessary as his daily meals. In 1877 he determined to learn something about law and he took up as his evening course of reading a number of text-books on law, not, however, with the intention of practicing. By the year 1880, however, he had progressed sufficiently in his studies to pass an examination and was admitted to the bar. Even then he did not intend to become a practitioner, but after serving for three terms in the district clerk's office he resolved to enter upon the practice of law and, in 1893, passed the required examination before the supreme court and was admitted to the bar. On his return to Grinnell he received a letter from C. T. Jones, clerk of the supreme court, telling him that he had passed with the high grade of ninety-two per cent and that very few applicants for admission, possibly not more than a half-dozen, had ever received so high a grade before the supreme court on examination. Yet Mr. Patton had never attended a law school and his preparation was made entirely independently through his night study.

Opening an office in Grinnell in January, 1893, Mr. Patton has since been continuously connected with the Poweshiek county bar, and through the intervening period of eighteen years has made marked progress in his practice, being today regarded as one of the most capable and prominent lawyers of this part of the state. His reading has covered a wide range and not only does

he possess comprehensive knowledge of the principles of jurisprudence, but also the ability to accurately apply its principles.

On the 15th of January, 1879, Mr. Patton was married to Miss Mary J. Worcester, of Grinnell, a daughter of Justice Worcester, who came to Iowa in an early day, settling in Marshall county, whence he afterward removed to Grinnell. He was a cousin of the compiler of Worcester's dictionary. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Patton have been born six children: John H., Jr., a traveling salesman representing the Grinnell Glove Factory; Homer E., manager of the Postal Telegraph Cable Company, of Des Moines, and president of the Iowa Corporation of that company; Edward C., a graduate of the Grinnell high school; Mary E., a graduate of the high school class of 1911; Esther Ann, a freshman in the Grinnell high school; and Paul W., who has not yet completed the work of the grades.

In politics Mr. Patton is a stalwart republican, has served as city attorney, and was elected mayor of Grinnell in the city election of March, 1911. He deserves much credit for what he has accomplished. Nature endowed him with strong mentality, but beyond this he has had no assistance in life and his progress represents the fit utilization of his innate powers and the recognition of his opportunities. His fidelity to the interests of his clients is proverbial; yet he never forgets that he owes a higher allegiance to the majesty of the law. His diligence and energy in the preparation of his cases as well as the earnestness, tenacity and courage with which he defends the right, as he understands it, challenges the highest admiration of his associates. He invariably seeks to present his argument in the strong clear light of common reason and sound logical principles.

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#### F. L. ABEL.

Some men are well adapted for business life and from the start give evidence of an interest in their work and a judgment in affairs which are clear prophecies of success. F. L. Abel, who is at the head of a flourishing vehicle establishment at Grinnell, early showed the zeal and persistence so necessary to success in this age of strong competition and for ten years past he has been carrying on business on his own account with excellent results. He was born in Pleasant township, Poweshiek county, Iowa, November 2, 1874, a son of Frank and Anna (Rainey) Abel. The parents were natives of New York state and were reared and married there. In 1866 they came to Iowa, locating in Pleasant township, Poweshiek county, where Mr. Abel bought a farm and engaged in agriculture and stock-raising for ten years. He then sold his place and removed to Grinnell, where he has since lived retired.

F. L. Abel received his preliminary education in the public schools and later matriculated at Grinnell College, in which he continued for two years. After leaving college he entered the employ of the H. W. Spaulding Manufacturing Company and was employed in the factory of the company for two years. Having acquired a good general knowledge of the business he was sent out



upon the road and represented the firm in various parts of the country for five years. In 1901, having decided to engage in business for himself, he became a member of the firm of Mason & Abel. They sold buggies and carriages in the western states, employing the system of trailing—taking vehicles through the country to the doors of their prospective customers. In 1906 the firm was dissolved and Mr. Abel became associated with his brother B. A. under the style of F. L. Abel & Company, the senior member looking after the office business and the junior covering the field. They have developed a lucrative patronage, which under capable management is steadily growing. F. L. Abel is also identified with other enterprises and is a director of the Grinnell Savings Bank.

In 1900 he was happily united in marriage to Miss Violet Naysmith Blow, a daughter of Mahlan Blow, a farmer of Poweshiek county, now deceased. By this union one child, Maxine Anna, has been born. Socially, Mr. Abel is identified with Herman Lodge, No. 273, A. F. & A. M., and is a sincere believer in the beneficent teachings of the order. He is an adherent of the republican party, whose principles he heartily espouses, but he has never sought the honors of political office, preferring to devote his abilities to his private affairs. As a result of his diligence and good judgment he has prospered and is recognized as one of the substantial business men of Grinnell.

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#### HARRY THOMPSON.

By means of diligence and application Harry Thompson, who is engaged in stock-raising, has become one of the extensive landowners of Union township. His birth occurred in Jersey county, Illinois, on the 13th of August, 1865, his parents being Charles N. and Martha (Chapman) Thompson, natives of Licking county, Ohio, where they were married. The father, who was born on the 9th of January, 1837, migrated with his wife, in the early years of their married life, to Illinois. He there engaged in farming until 1880, when he again started westward, Iowa being his destination. They first located in Jasper county, where a little later he purchased a small farm, which he cultivated until 1910, when he removed to Union township, Poweshiek county, where he is now residing. He has always been an ardent republican, and his wife was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. She passed away in Jasper county, in September, 1881. Unto them were born the following children: Minnie, the wife of C. S. Wall, of Newton, Iowa; Harry, our subject; Emma, deceased; Leonard, who is a resident of Estherville, Iowa; Charles Nathan, who is living in the state of Washington; Hattie, the wife of George Jacobs, of West Bend, Iowa; and Thomas, who is living in Colfax, Iowa.

Harry Thompson, who was a youth of fifteen years when the family settled in Iowa, acquired his education in the district schools of his native state. He remained a member of the parental household until he was nineteen, assisting his father in operating the farm. He subsequently worked as a farm hand until he had accumulated sufficient money to enable him to begin farming for himself, when he rented land in Jasper county. Perseverance, combined with

diligence and the intelligent direction of his affairs, enabled him to make a success of his ventures, and in 1908 he bought his present farm, which contains three hundred and twenty-eight acres of land. Here he engages in breeding and raising shorthorn cattle and Poland China hogs, both of which, under his capable supervision, are proving to be very lucrative.

In February, 1888, Mr. Thompson and Miss Estella Rayl were united in marriage. Mrs. Thompson is a daughter of Himelus and Sarah Jane (Macy) Rayl, residents of Sugar Creek township. Eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, the order of their birth being as follows: Don, Howard, Delima, Luvilla, Chalmer, Dwight, Vough and Colyne.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson are both ardent members of the Baptist church, of which he is a deacon and clerk, and he is also affiliated with the Brotherhood of American Yeomen. In politics he is a republican but never takes an active part in public affairs. He has always worked persistently and unfalteringly, so judiciously administering his affairs that he has become recognized as one of the successful and prosperous stockmen and agriculturists of Union township.

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#### FREDERICK F. LEE.

Frederick F. Lee has lived for thirty years in Poweshiek county and is now retired from active labor, having turned over the work of the farm to his sons. His memory carries him back many years, as he has now reached the advanced age of eighty-eight years and in the course of a long and useful life has passed through many interesting experiences. He was born in Rutland county, Vermont, November 6, 1823, and is a son of Thomas and Phoebe (Eastman) Lee, both of whom were natives of the same place. The father learned the cooper's trade, but devoted his attention to farming. In 1836 he moved with his family to Canada and he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives in that country. They were people of sterling characteristics and devout members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Frederick F. Lee was the eldest child in a family consisting of three sons and two daughters. He received his early education in the district schools and went with his parents to Canada, continuing at home until he was sixteen years of age. He then became clerk in a store and retained that position for seven years, at the end of which time he began farming in Canada, remaining there until 1881. Believing that conditions were more favorable west of the Mississippi river, he removed with his family to this state and rented land in Poweshiek county. Later he purchased eighty acres in Grinnell township and engaged in general farming, specializing in the raising of fine horses, cattle and hogs, in which he attained a goodly measure of success.

On the 2d of March, 1845, Mr. Lee was married, in Canada, to Miss Clara Mallory, a daughter of David and Hulda (Keeler) Mallory, and there were three children born to this union: Lucy, who was married and became the mother of four children: John, Fred, Clara and Anna, and is now deceased; Sarah, who married James Austin, of Knapp, Wisconsin; and William F., also

deceased. The mother of these children died in 1853 and Mr. Lee was married later to Miss Delilah Adams, a daughter of Orrin B. and Elizabeth (Mallory) Adams, of Canada. Two children have blessed this union: Herman F. and Malcom C., both of whom are living at home.

Mr. Lee, as a farmer, has aided in the work which has produced so wonderful a transformation throughout the country and made life vastly more agreeable to the millions living in the agricultural regions. By his prompt and honorable methods in business he has won the deserved confidence of his neighbors and set an example well worthy of imitation. He served as postmaster at Mallorytown, Canada, but has never sought the honors or emoluments of public office in Iowa, preferring to devote his energy to his farm. Politically he has given his support to the republican party. In religious faith he has been for many years identified with the Methodist church.

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### JAMES S. McKEE.

Agricultural pursuits have characterized the efforts of James S. McKee throughout his entire active career, and in the cultivation of a good farm in Malcom township he is meeting with creditable success.

He is one of Iowa's native sons, his birth having occurred in Muscatine county on the 15th of December, 1866. His parents, William J. and Sarah (Corrough) McKee, were both natives of County Down, Ireland, where they were reared and married. They came to Iowa in 1854, residing in Scott county about two or three years, after which they removed to Muscatine county. Later they came to Poweshiek county and established the family home on the farm which is now the property of our subject. Mrs. McKee passed away in Malcom township in 1891, at the age of fifty-six years, being survived for almost twenty years by her husband. His life record covered more than the Psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten, extending from the 10th of May, 1832, until his death, at Grinnell, on the 5th of January, 1910. Their family consisted of seven children, namely: Margaret, the wife of Thomas McKee, of Grinnell; Mary, also of Grinnell; John, of Pomona, California; Agnes, of Grinnell; Sarah, the wife of G. H. Pyle, of Malcom township; Elizabeth, who married Gordon Duffus, of Canada; and James S., of this review.

Spending the period of his boyhood in the county of his nativity, James S. McKee came to Poweshiek county with his parents in 1880, and he has since continued to reside on the old home farm in Malcom township. He now gives his attention to the operation of this tract, consisting of one hundred and sixty acres located on section 34, and also cultivates another farm of one hundred and sixty acres for his sister. He is the owner of another farm of forty acres located on section 3, Grinnell township, about a mile northeast of the college. The home farm is well improved and equipped with a good house and substantial barns and outbuildings, which were erected by the father of Mr. McKee. He has also made some changes about the place which have served to enhance



its value. He is successfully engaged in general farming and stock-raising, and is also a stockholder in the Malcolm garage at Malcolm.

In 1899 Mr. McKee was united in marriage to Miss Marie Antoinette Royce, who was born in Pleasant township on the 2d of January, 1869, a daughter of Horace B. and Mary A. (Okey) Royce. The parents were natives of Vermont and England respectively, the father being born in 1832 and the mother in 1843. They were married in Bureau county, Illinois, and in 1866 came to Poweshiek county, Iowa, where both passed away, the former in 1896 and the latter in 1903. In their family were seven children, as follows: Sydney L., of Malcom; Marie Antoinette, who became the wife of Mr. McKee; Ada F., who wedded A. M. Gross, of Creston, Iowa; Horace J., of Malcom township; Edna O., the wife of George Cooper, of Long Beach, California; May B., who married the Rev. Victor West, of Adele, Iowa; and Carrie, who passed away in 1880 at the age of five years. Mr. and Mrs. McKee became the parents of three sons, Kenneth D., James Paul and Donald Royce.

The religious faith of Mr. McKee is that of the Presbyterian church, while fraternally he holds membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Politically he gives his support to the republican party, but the honors and emoluments of office have no attraction for him, preferring to give his entire time and attention to the conduct of his personal affairs which, carefully managed, are proving a source of gratifying annual returns.

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### JACOB HASLEY.

One of the energetic sons of Germany who have been successfully identified with the agricultural development of Poweshiek county is Jacob Hasley, who is now living retired but for many years was engaged in the cultivation of his farm in Sugar Creek township. He was born in the province of Wurtemberg, Germany, on the 4th of February, 1834, a son of John and Elizabeth Hasley. His parents spent their entire lives in the old country, where the father was a gardener. Five children were born to them, of whom Jacob is the third in the order of birth.

The education of Jacob Hasley was obtained in the common schools of his native land, where he spent the first eighteen years of his life. In 1852 he took passage for America to seek his fortune and put to the test the marvelous tales he had heard regarding the wealth and opportunities afforded ambitious young men in the United States. Upon his arrival in this country he first located in Philadelphia, where he followed the trade of wagonmaking for a time. From there he went to New Jersey, where he remained for thirteen years. In 1865 he came to Poweshiek county, Iowa, locating in Sugar Creek township, where he bought a farm, which he cultivated for many years. He is now retired and living with a daughter, Mrs. Henry Barnhart. Unusual success attended the efforts of Mr. Hasley and at one time he owned a thousand acres of farm land in Poweshiek county.





MR. AND MRS. JACOB HASLEY



Mr. Hasley first married Elizabeth Garrison, who passed away in December, 1870. They became the parents of seven children: James, who is a resident of Sugar Creek township; Wilbert, who lives in Abingdon, Illinois; Martha Ann, the wife of Henry Barnhart, of Sugar Creek township; George D., who is deceased; Frank, a resident of Searsboro, Iowa; Henry, who is living in Sugar Creek township; and Elizabeth, who is deceased. In 1875 Mr. Hasley married Mrs. Wymer, who died in March, 1907.

In politics Mr. Hasley is a democrat and has served both as a school director and township trustee. He now affiliates with the Society of Friends but while living in the old country he belonged to the Lutheran church. He is one of those whose success in life is all the more commendable because of the fact that it was achieved amid the handicaps and obstacles which always confront the foreigner, whose only asset is energy, perseverance and determination. He is the only survivor of the charter members of the Searsboro lodge of Odd Fellows.

Henry Barnhart, who is engaged in farming in Sugar Creek township, was born in Indiana on the 9th of April, 1857, and when a lad of eight years he came to Poweshiek county with his parents, completing his education in the common schools of this county. After laying aside his studies he engaged in general farming and stock-raising, with which activities he continues to be identified. He is a democrat in politics and is serving in the capacity of school director and road supervisor. Fraternally he is a charter member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being identified with the lodge at Searsboro, and he also belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America.

Mr. Barnhart was married on the 17th of December, 1888, to Miss Martha Ann Hasley, and they have become the parents of one son, Philip, who is at home. Mr. and Mrs. Barnhart affiliate with the Society of Friends, and she is also a member of the Ladies Aid Society as well as of the Rebekah lodge.

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### HENRY B. STORM.

It is doubtful whether a more active, energetic or progressive representative of the business interests of Grinnell could be named than Henry B. Storm, who is proprietor of one of the most complete drug stores in this part of the state. He has shown remarkable enterprise and judgment and as a result is on the high road to well established prosperity. Born in Poweshiek county, November 17, 1873, he is the son of James and Caroline Storm.

In his infancy the subject of this review became a member of the family of a kind-hearted uncle, I. B. Baldwin, one of the prominent farmers of Poweshiek county, and was reared to manhood in his household. He gained his preliminary education in the district schools and later attended Grinnell high school, graduating in the class of 1892. He then matriculated in Iowa College, which he attended, however, but one year. After leaving college he became a professional bicyclist and in this, as in other vocations in which he has engaged, attained an enviable reputation, becoming known as one of the best developed

athletes in the state. In 1897 he retired from the bicycle track and gained his first acquaintance with the drug business as clerk in a store at Kearney, Nebraska.

In the meantime the Spanish-American war was threatened and like thousands of patriotic young men, he offered his services to the country and was accepted as a member of the Second Nebraska Regiment and served as hospital steward in one of the division hospitals at Chickamauga Park, Georgia. Less than a year after its establishment the hospital was abandoned and Mr. Storm returned to his regiment, which was afterward mustered out of service at Fort Omaha, Nebraska. After leaving the army he resumed the drug business and worked for three years in a store at Omaha, when he resigned to accept a position in the Omaha offices of Armour & Company. At the close of three years he gave up that place and was associated in the drug business at Omaha with L. E. Peyton, but two years later the firm was dissolved and he again spent two years in the employ of Armour & Company. Subsequently he became connected with the American Druggists Syndicate of New York city, being engaged in organization work for this company in various parts of the country. The drug business of R. R. Rust & Company at Grinnell was offered for sale, the firm having gone into insolvency, and Mr. Storm took advantage of the opportunity and acquired the store, reorganizing the business and developing it until the concern over which he presides is the largest of the kind in the city.

In 1901 Mr. Storm was united in marriage at Grinnell to Miss Grace F. Harrison, a daughter of William Harrison now living retired in this city. She is a graduate of the Grinnell high school of the class of 1896 and is a lady of refinement and culture who has proved an important factor in the business success of her husband. She assists him in the store and has a host of friends in this city.

Mr. Storm fraternally is identified with Grinnell Lodge, No. 175, K. P., and Norfolk Lodge, No. 653, B. P. O. E.; of Norfolk, Nebraska. He was one of the original stockholders in the American Druggists Syndicate and in his business he displays a lively personal interest in meeting the wants of patrons that has greatly contributed to his success. He is a good judge of human nature and possesses a genial manner which attracts and holds friends. As to his future, there is no doubt that he will figure prominently in the commercial development of Grinnell.

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### JOSEPH WOODWARD RODGERS.

Industry, intelligently directed, ultimately brings a sure reward—a fact which again finds proof in the life record of Joseph Woodward Rodgers, whose well earned success now enables him to live retired, his home being in Montezuma. He was born near New Garden, Columbiana county, Ohio, September 17, 1836. His parents were John K. and Levina (Woodward) Rodgers, the former born in Westchester, Pennsylvania, February 20, 1814, and the latter in Westchester county, Pennsylvania, August 6, 1814. She was a birthright



member of the Society of Friends but, marrying out of the church, forfeited her membership. They were reared in the Keystone state and on the 24th of December, 1834, were married. The following year they removed to Columbiana county, Ohio, where they resided until they came to Poweshiek county, Iowa, after the war. The father was a miller and began learning the trade when fourteen years of age, serving seven years as apprentice. His entire life was devoted to that business. Both he and his wife were faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church. The latter died November 11, 1880, and Mrs. Rodgers passed away January 4, 1896. In their family were six children, of whom Joseph Woodward, of this review, is the eldest. The others are as follows: Meribah F., now deceased; James L., who is represented elsewhere in this volume; Martha A., the wife of George A. Webber, of Montezuma; John J., a produce merchant of this city, mention of whom is also made on another page of this work; and Elwood, who passed away at the age of eight years.

Joseph W. Rodgers spent the first nine years of his life in the county of his nativity and then accompanied his parents on their removal to Jefferson county, Ohio, where he resided until 1853, when he returned to Columbiana county. Two years later he went to Canal Dover, Ohio, but in April, 1856, arrived in Marshall county, Iowa. The following year he came to Poweshiek county and has resided in this locality continuously since. He followed farming until 1863, and in the interval embraced the opportunity of promoting his education by a three months' term of study in Grinnell College in the fall of 1861. He has always been an attentive observer of men and measures and in the school of experience he has learned many valuable lessons, making him a practical and well informed business man. In February, 1863, he located in Montezuma, where he has since resided. He was engaged with his father-in-law in general merchandising from 1863 until 1870, and subsequently engaged in clerking for the firm of Wilson & Griffin at Malcom, being thus connected with the lumber and grain business for four years. He then turned his attention to the grocery business in Montezuma in partnership with B. B. Griffith, but after a year sold out and joined his brother James in the conduct of a grocery store under the firm style of Rodgers Brothers. They conducted a well appointed establishment and their energy, capable management and close application brought them a substantial measure of success. Joseph W. Rodgers was also engaged in the fire insurance business for fifteen years and at intervals now assists his son in the conduct of a restaurant, but is practically living retired.

On the 29th of October, 1865, Mr. Rodgers was united in marriage to Miss Emily Willson, who was born September 3, 1842, near Indianapolis, Indiana, but in 1848 came to Iowa with her parents. Her father, Gideon Willson, who was the first merchant in Montezuma, is mentioned in connection with the sketch of his son, John Willson, appearing elsewhere in this volume. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Rodgers were born five children. The eldest, Willson Gideon, who was born October 17, 1866, in Montezuma, passed away on the 19th of February, 1910, in Chicago, where he had resided for twenty years. He is survived by his widow. Mabel, the only daughter, is now the wife of Enoch Judd, of Colorado. Eugene K. is the proprietor of a restaurant in Montezuma. Roy Otto is connected with the military interests of the United States as first

sergeant, One Hundred and Fifty-ninth Coast Artillery Company, now stationed at Honolulu. Altogether he has served with the regular army for ten years and is credited with three years' experience in foreign service, during which time he was stationed in the Philippine Islands. Clyde Cecil, the youngest member of the family, is engaged as a baker and cook in Chicago.

In his political affiliations Mr. Rodgers has always been a democrat and for four years, from 1885 to 1889, filled the office of mayor, in which connection he gave to the city a public-spirited and beneficial administration that wrought many needed improvements and reforms. He has also been treasurer and assessor of the town and is well known as a public official who can be trusted under any and all circumstances to discharge his duties faithfully and capably. For more than forty-one years he has been a loyal advocate of the ideas of Masonry, his membership being in Lafayette Lodge, No. 52, F. & A. M., of Montezuma, and Hyssop Chapter, No. 50, R. A. M., of Malcom. He also belongs to the subordinate lodge and encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His fellow townsmen have come to know him as a man who is reliable under all circumstances and he is today numbered among the valued and honored residents of Montezuma.

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#### DAVID A. LAROS.

David A. Laros, a prominent representative of industrial interests in Grinnell, is conducting an extensive business in the manufacture of carriages, spring wagons and buggies under the firm style of D. A. Laros & Sons. His birth occurred in Kutztown, Berks county, Pennsylvania, on the 3d of February, 1847, his parents being Robert and Rebecca (Wink) Laros, the former a native of Millerstown, Pennsylvania, and the latter of Kutztown, that state. They were married at Kutztown and there spent the remainder of their lives. The father worked at the hatter's trade in early manhood but subsequently was employed as a day laborer.

Owing to the straitened financial circumstances of the family, David A. Laros obtained only a common school education but his knowledge has been constantly augmented by reading, experience and observation. On the 18th of February, 1865, when but eighteen years of age, he enlisted for service in the Union Army, joining Company G, Seventy-fourth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and remaining with that command until the close of hostilities. After being mustered out he returned to his native town and became an apprentice at the carriage trimmer's trade. In 1877 he came west to Iowa, locating at Lisbon, where he continued work at his trade and for about ten years operated a farm in connection with his carriage work. In 1889 he came to Grinnell and found employment in the shops of Craver, Steele & Austin, remaining with that concern for but one year. He next entered the service of the H. W. Spaulding Manufacturing Company, continuing with that firm until 1897, when he resigned his position and organized his present business, which has since become one of the important industrial enterprises of Grinnell. His business record



D. A. LAROS





is one of which he has every reason to be proud. Starting out in life empty handed, he labored as a journeyman workman for thirty-two years, thus gaining the capital and experience which enabled him to embark in business on his own account in 1897. From comparative obscurity and poverty he has worked his way steadily upward to a position of prominence and affluence, being now one of the leading manufacturers of Grinnell.

In 1869 Mr. Laros was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Snyder, of Kutztown, Pennsylvania, by whom he had fourteen children, the record of whom is as follows: Mary, the wife of Kirk Gibbs, of Grinnell, Iowa; Charles, who is a member of the firm of D. A. Laros & Sons; Harry and William, both of whom are deceased; John and Fred, who are associated with their father in business; Bessie, the wife of Ellsworth Gruver, of Allentown, Pennsylvania; Sadie, the wife of Fred Lorish, of Allentown, Pennsylvania; Augustus, who is likewise a member of the firm of D. A. Laros & Sons; and Ruth, Naomi, Roberta, Helen and Gerald, all at home.

In politics Mr. Laros is a democrat, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Congregational church. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, belonging to Herman Lodge, No. 273. In everything he is eminently practical and this has been manifest not only in his business undertakings but also in social and private life, and he and his estimable wife enjoy the respect and esteem of a large circle of friends.

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#### ANDREW MCINTOSH.

More than forty years have passed since Andrew McIntosh became identified in an humble capacity with mercantile business at Grinnell. Today he is a leading merchant of the city, ~~being~~ at the head of one of the most flourishing concerns in this part of the state. Courage, zeal and unwearied persistence are the keys that have enabled him to unlock the portals of fortune. He is a native of Scotland, and was born October 18, 1854, a son of Robert and Margaret (McCarty) McIntosh, who were both natives of Scotland. They were married in the old country and in 1855 crossed the ocean to America in search of a permanent home. After a short stay in Ohio they came to Montezuma, Poweshiek county, Iowa, where the father was in the employ for a number of years of F. A. Kilborn. He died in 1871 at the age of thirty-nine years. The beloved mother's death occurred in 1863, when she had arrived at the age of thirty-three years.

Andrew McIntosh was reared at Montezuma, but received limited advantages of education, as his parents were poor and his assistance was needed in the support of the family. At the age of thirteen years he became a clerk in the store of Mr. Kilborn and continued there for four years, acquiring the foundation of a training that proved of great value to him in later life. In January, 1873, he arrived at Grinnell and went to work in the store of S. S. Preston, with which he continued for four years. Having determined to embark in business for himself he formed a partnership with F. O. Proctor, under

the title of McIntosh & Proctor, and opened a mercantile establishment in January, 1877. They continued for two and one-half years together and he then sold his interest to his partner, but shortly afterward he and Walter F. Hammond purchased the business from Mr. Proctor and conducted it under the title of McIntosh & Hammond. In 1882 Mr. McIntosh withdrew from the firm and the same year associated with D. S. Morrison in the manufacture of gloves. This work however, did not prove as satisfactory to Mr. McIntosh as general mercantile business, and, although he retained his interest in the concern, he organized in 1883 the dry goods firm of A. McIntosh & Company, which has continued in uninterrupted existence up to the present time. There have been several changes in partners but no change has been made in the style of the firm, which is one of the oldest mercantile institutions in the city and has a reputation extending throughout central Iowa. On January 1, 1908, Mr. McIntosh severed his connection with the glove manufacturing business and has since devoted his entire attention to mercantile affairs.

In 1879 he was united in marriage to Miss Addie C. Ricker of Grinnell, a daughter of Edward Ricker, who came to this city from Scott county, Iowa. Eight children have been born to this union, six of whom are now living, namely: Robert, who is a mechanical engineer and is identified with mining interests at Calumet, Michigan; Mary, now the wife of John W. Gannaway of Grinnell; Fannie, wife of R. H. Lyman of Berlin, Germany; Andrew, Jr., Edith and Edna, all of whom are at home. The two younger children are attending Grinnell College and the others are all graduates of that institution with the exception of Andrew, who was compelled to discontinue his studies on account of his health.

Mr. McIntosh gives his support to the republican party but has never aspired to political honors, as his attention has been mainly devoted to private affairs. He is a member of the Commercial Club of Grinnell and takes an active interest in its work. He has for years been an ardent advocate for closing the stores at 6 o'clock in the evening, and through his agitation and persistence the consent of the business men was finally secured and the stores of Grinnell now close their doors promptly at that hour. Mr. McIntosh has been remarkably successful in business and has many friends in Grinnell and Poweshiek county, who do not hesitate to declare that he is one of the most capable, trustworthy and progressive business men in their entire circle of acquaintances.

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#### G. F. HYDE.

Twenty years ago G. F. Hyde arrived with his family in Poweshiek county and he has no reason to regret having taken up his permanent abode in this county, as he has been successful financially, being the owner of a well improved farm of eighty acres in section 34, Grinnell township. He has brought the fields under a state of rich fertility and made a number of substantial improvements, adding not only to the value, but to the appearance of the place as well.

He was born on a farm in Pleasant Valley township, Scott county, Iowa, March 15, 1849, and is a son of George J. and Julia (Rowe) Hyde, both of whom were natives of New York state. The father came to Scott county in 1837 and settled on government land. He was married in Scott county to Miss Julia Rowe and became the owner of a farm of three hundred and sixty acres. He died on the old homestead in 1905, the mother having been called away two years previously. There were nine children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Hyde, six of whom are now living.

G. F. Hyde acquired his early education in the common schools of Scott county and as he grew up assisted in the work upon the home farm, remaining upon the home place for a number of years after reaching his majority. He came with his family to Poweshiek county March 5, 1891, and has ever since made his home in this county. He raises hay and grain, but devotes his attention especially to raising milch cows, for which he finds a ready market.

On the 25th of December, 1876, Mr. Hyde was married, in Scott county, to Miss Nannie Smith, a daughter of Amos Smith, of Pennsylvania. The father came to Iowa in 1864 and settled in Scott county. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hyde, namely: Lottie, who married George Evans and lives in Grinnell township, being the mother of three children; Helen, who married C. L. Pilgrim, also of Grinnell township; Howard, who is now attending Grinnell College; and George, a student of the Grinnell high school.

Mr. Hyde takes the interest of an intelligent citizen in local, state and national politics and casts his vote in support of the democratic party. In religious belief he is a Baptist and holds membership in the church at Grinnell. He is a friend of education and a supporter of all measures seeking to make easier the burdens of the unfortunate and to spread the principles of truth and justice. In the conduct of his business he has met with a goodly measure of success and on account of his high character and genial qualities is greatly esteemed by all with whom he comes into contact, either in a business or social way.

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### FREDERICK OSBORN.

Frederick Osborn, engaged in agricultural pursuits on a good farm in Malcom township, is one of Poweshiek county's foreign born residents, his birth having occurred in Worcestershire, England, about twelve miles north of the city of Worcester, on the 26th of January, 1848, his parents being Samuel and Elizabeth (Fallows) Osborn. The father, who was a lifelong farmer, passed away in England, and the mother later came to America, her death occurring at the home of her son, Samuel. In their family were three children, of whom our subject was the eldest. The others were: Amy, who died in 1878, in Poweshiek county; and Samuel, a retired farmer of Grinnell.

Frederick Osborn spent his early life in the land of his nativity and in the English schools acquired his education. He was the first member of the family to seek a home in the new world, arriving in Poweshiek county in 1871, since which time he has continued to reside within its borders. For about a year after

his arrival he was employed as a farm hand, and later he rented a farm, but his industry and economy soon made it possible for him to purchase a place of his own and thus engage independently in agricultural pursuits. He became the owner of one hundred and sixty acres on sections 29 and 30, Malcom township, which is still his home, and here he carries on general farming and stock-raising, his efforts in both directions bringing to him a goodly measure of success.

In October, 1900, Mr. Osborn was married to Miss Mildred Jane Biddle, also a native of Worcestershire, England. She was born on the 13th of October, 1872, and in 1900 came alone to the United States. By her marriage she became the mother of three children: Noel, Neal and Gordon.

Mr. and Mrs. Osborn attend the Episcopal church at Grinnell, in which they hold membership, and are highly esteemed throughout the community in which they reside. Mr. Osborn has always led the quiet but industrious life of the farm, concentrating his entire attention upon the conduct of his private affairs, and to his close application and wise management is due in large measure the degree of prosperity which he today enjoys.

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#### WILLIAM GARRETT.

County Down, Ireland, has been for a century or more a center from which thousands of brave-hearted young men and women have come to America, trusting that under the stars and stripes they might possess the advantages denied them on the Emerald isle. To many the change to new surroundings has proven of inestimable advantage and they live but to rejoice in the recollection of the day when first their feet trod the shores of the new world. William Garrett, a prosperous farmer of Poweshiek county, Iowa, is one of the fortunate natives of County Down who enjoys richly deserved prosperity. He was born fourteen miles from Belfast, March 7, 1843, a son of William and Mary (McKeag) Garrett, both of whom were natives of County Down. The father was a farmer, and he and his wife spent their entire lives in Ireland. They were stanch members of the Presbyterian church. In their family were eight children: David, Thomas and James, all of whom are deceased; Robert, who is now living in County Down; William, of this review; Isabella, who is also deceased; Mary, the wife of Nathaniel Ferguson of County Down; and Henry, also of County Down.

William Garrett received his early education in the common and high schools of Ireland. After his education was completed he went to Belfast and for four years was in the employ of a wholesale dry-goods house. He then took up his residence at Glasgow, Scotland, where he was connected with the commission business for one year. In the spring of 1864 he crossed the ocean and came west to Rock Island, Illinois, securing employment by the month for three summers and teaching school in the winter seasons. In 1867 he arrived in Poweshiek county, Iowa, and purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land. After improving his property he sold eighty acres and a year later disposed of the remainder of the land. He then bought one hundred and seventy-two acres in



Pleasant township, which he cultivated for two years, and, having disposed of it, purchased eighty acres in the same township, which he sold. He subsequently bought several tracts of land in Washington township, all of which he disposed of. In 1881 he acquired eighty acres in Washington township, upon which he has since lived, the farm being increased to one hundred and sixty acres by the addition of eighty acres which was inherited by his wife. He has greatly improved the farm and is now well established as an agriculturist and stock-raiser.

On the 29th of June, 1869, Mr. Garrett was married to Miss Mary Ann Beeler, a daughter of George M. and Nancy (Carpenter) Beeler. To this union four children have been born: Austin Clement, who is living at home; Milton H., of Jasper county; and Emmanuel F. and Clarence R., twins, the former of whom is living at home and the latter in Grinnell township. Mr. Garrett has taken an active interest in political affairs and is affiliated with the democratic party. He is a man of clear and sound judgment, as is attested by the fact that his neighbors elected him assessor of the township for nine years, and he is now a member of the school board. Genial and companionable, he makes friends readily and, being a man of high character and well known diligence, he enjoys the confidence and esteem which is accorded only in acknowledgment of true merit.

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#### SAMUEL GRAHAM.

For forty-two years Samuel Graham was identified with mercantile interests in Montezuma but is now living retired, enjoying a rest which he has truly earned and richly deserves for his life has been one of industry and honesty. He was born in Rathfryland, County Down, Ireland, August 4, 1848, his parents being James and Margaret (Grady) Graham. The father was a native of Ayrshire, Scotland, but when he was but eighteen months old his parents removed to Ireland and his remaining days were spent on the Emerald isle. He was severely injured by a horse when forty-five years of age, the injury causing his death. His widow long survived him and died in Ireland in 1906, at the age of eighty-eight years. For a long period James Graham had followed the profession of school teaching and also engaged in farming. In their family were five children: Alexander, who is living on the old home farm in Ireland; Robert, a resident of Western, Nebraska; Andrew, living near Gibson, Iowa; William, of Ireland; and Samuel, of this review.

The last named was only about fifteen months old at the time of his father's death and at an early age he started out in life on his own account, for when a youth of twelve he began earning his own living by clerking in a general store in Ireland. He afterwards spent three years as a clerk in Liverpool, England, and in March, 1869, he came to Poweshiek county and joined his brother Andrew, who was farming near Barnes City, Iowa. He remained from March until September with his brother and in the latter month came to Montezuma, where he secured a clerkship in the employ of F. H. Kilburn, with whom he continued for eight years, a fact indicative of his faithfulness, capability and the confidence imposed in him by his employer. He also spent a period of equal length with

the firm of Jordan & Stone, and in 1886 began business on his own account, conducting his store for nearly a quarter of a century, or until February, 1910. His own earnings brought him the capital which enabled him to start in business on his own account, and as the years passed he carefully and systematically managed his interests, increasing his stock to meet the growing demands of his trade, and throughout the years enjoying a liberal patronage. His previous experience as a clerk well qualified him for the conduct of the business and the success to which he attained enabled him in 1910 to retire with a substantial competence that supplies him with the comforts and some of the luxuries of life. Thus was terminated forty-two years of close, active and honorable connection with mercantile interests in Montezuma. He derives a good income from a farm of eighty acres which he owns about three miles southeast of Montezuma in Jackson township.

In 1871 Mr. Graham was married to Miss Maggie A. Green, who was born in Butler county, Pennsylvania, August 31, 1845, and when eighteen years of age came to Iowa with her parents, the family settling first at Keokuk county and later in Mahaska county, where she was married. Her father was the Rev. James Green, a minister of the Presbyterian church who came to Iowa as a synodical missionary and died in 1863. He was a native of Ireland but was educated in Scotland, in which country his father was born. Immediately after his graduation the Rev. James Green sailed for America and established his home in Pennsylvania, where he married Margaret E. McNair. Mrs. Green spent her last days in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Graham. The Graham household is a hospitable one and their many friends are always sure of a cordial and sincere welcome there.

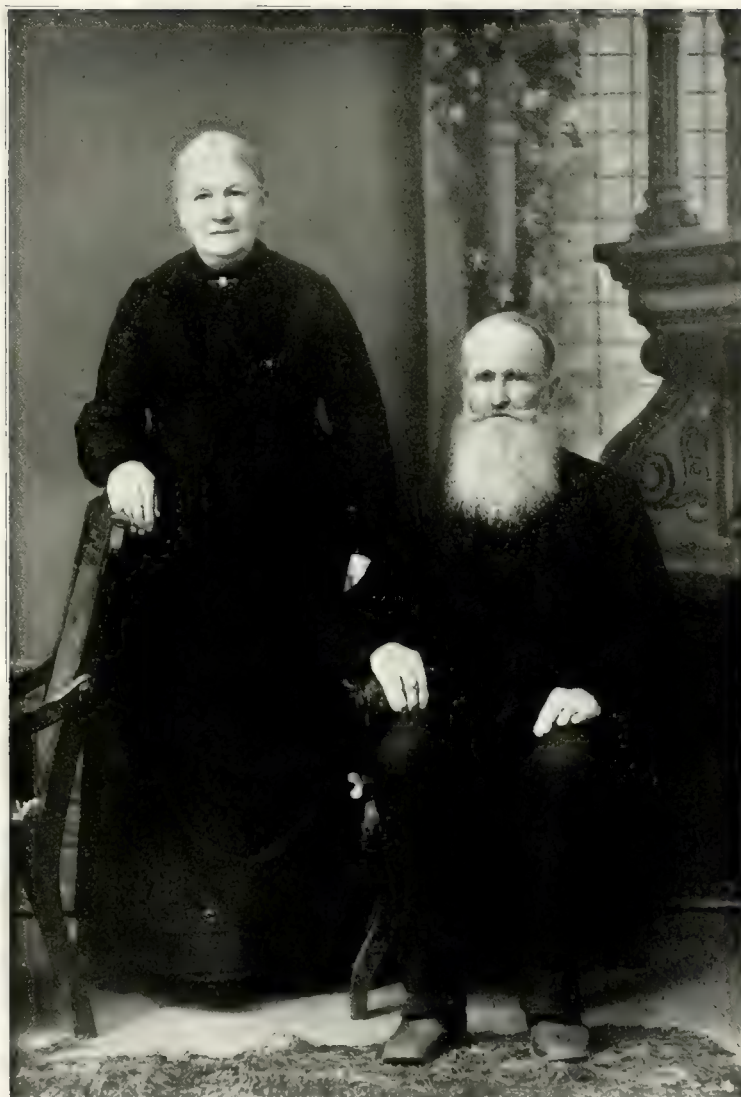
Mr. Graham has been a member of the Masonic fraternity since he attained his majority, holding membership in the Lafayette Lodge, No. 52, F. & A. M., of which he has been treasurer for a quarter of a century. He also belongs to the chapter and in his life exemplifies not only the beneficent and fraternal spirit of the craft but also the teachings of the Presbyterian church of which he has been a devoted member from the age of fifteen years. His life has indeed been well spent and all who know him entertain for him the warm regard that is instinctively given in recognition of sterling worth.

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#### GEORGE EDWIN TINKER.

Few occupy a more prominent position among the agriculturists and stock-raisers of Bear Creek township than does George Edwin Tinker, an extensive landowner and a representative of a well known family of this locality. One of Poweshiek county's native sons, he was born on a farm south of Brooklyn, in Scott township, on the 1st of April, 1862, a son of Edwin and Arabella (Thompson) Tinker. His parents were both natives of Pennsylvania, the father's birth there occurring on the 11th of March, 1812, on a farm which was located on the present site of Pittsburg. His education was acquired in one of the oldtime subscription schools, held in a log schoolhouse. His wife, who was born on the 2d of April, 1821, was also reared in the Keystone state and there they were





MR. AND MRS. EDWIN TINKER





MR. AND MRS. JAMES L. FRANCIS



married, in Butler county, on the 26th of November, 1840. They came to Poweshiek county, Iowa, in 1856, locating on a tract of forty acres southeast of Brooklyn, where they resided until the fall of 1865, when they sold that property and purchased three hundred acres of the present homestead. That continued to be their home until their retirement from active life, a few years prior to their demise, when they took up their abode in Brooklyn and there spent their remaining days. Mr. Tinker was a farmer throughout the period of his active career, and at the time of his death was the owner of three hundred and fifty-five acres, all in a good state of cultivation. He became very well known throughout the locality in which he made his home, and among his fellow citizens was accorded the highest respect and esteem because of his many excellent qualities. He gave his support to the democracy but never sought nor desired public office. He was actively and helpfully interested in the work of the Protestant Episcopal church of Brooklyn, in which both he and his wife held membership, and Mrs. Tinker was described as being a woman of the highest character, who, in addition to raising an extensive family of her own, adopted into her home and reared three orphan children. She passed away on the 12th of January, 1899, her husband's death having occurred in 1895. In their family were twelve children, as follows: Charlotte, the widow of a Mr. Hazelwood, of Oklahoma; Wainwright, who died while serving in the Civil war, having enlisted from Poweshiek county; Wesley, also a veteran of the Civil war, who served in the same company as his brother Wainwright, and who is now living at the Soldiers Home; Martha, the deceased wife of Paris Fimpel, of South Dakota; William Hilton, of Pennsylvania; Mrs. Matilda Sterling, of Brooklyn; Sarah, who married D. C. Sleggel, of Bear Creek township; Joshua, residing in Dexter, Iowa; James, who passed away when twenty-two years of age; Arabella, who married Charles Jewell, of Lake City, Iowa; George Edwin, of this review; and Mrs. Hannah Allen, deceased.

George Edwin Tinker was but four years of age when he came with his parents to Bear Creek township, and he has therefore passed almost his entire life upon the farm which is still his home. He received his education in the country schools of the neighborhood and when not engaged with his text-books assisted his father in the work of the farm, largely becoming familiar with the tasks that fall to the lot of the country lad. Upon attaining his majority he wisely chose as his life work the occupation to which he had been reared, and for eighteen years rented the old homestead from his father. At the end of that time he purchased the property, which then consisted of three hundred and fifty-five acres, and to its cultivation and further development he has since devoted his time and attention. That his efforts have been attended by most excellent results is indicated by the fact that he has added to his original holdings until his farm now consists of five hundred and twenty acres, located in one body on sections 5, 7, 8 and 18. There are two good dwellings on the place and Mr. Tinker has remodeled all of the old buildings, has erected new barns and out-buildings and has introduced many modern improvements, making this one of the valuable and desirable properties of this part of Poweshiek county. Aside from general farming he engages extensively in the raising and feeding of stock and is a large shipper, sending from five to eight carloads of stock annually to the Chicago market. He also has other interests, being a stockholder in the

Farmers' Cooperative Creamery Company of Brooklyn, and also a stockholder in the Brooklyn Opera House Company.

It was on the 19th of October, 1882, that Mr. Tinker was united in marriage to Miss Keturah Francis, a native of La Salle county, Illinois, where she was born on the 9th of September, 1861. On the 7th of February, 1867, she came to Poweshiek county with her parents, James L. and Margaret (Cochran) Francis, both natives of Ohio, who passed away on a farm in Bear Creek township. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Tinker have been born five children, namely: Nola May, who married Forest Doty, of Bear Creek township, and has one daughter, Martha; Lowery Edwin, residing on the home farm, who is married and has a daughter, Margaret; Harry Elmer, at home; Eva Lena, who wedded Herbert Brannian, of Brooklyn; and Martha Etta, also still under the parental roof.

Having passed his entire life within the borders of Poweshiek county, Mr. Tinker's interests have ever been closely identified with those of the district in which he has so long resided, and he has ever been most loyal and public-spirited in his citizenship. Although deeply interested in the public welfare, he has never sought to figure prominently in politics, preferring to give his undivided attention to his private affairs, in the conduct of which he has met with most gratifying results. He is a man of excellent business ability and sound judgment and the success which he today enjoys has come to him as the result of his own labor, economy and indomitable energy.

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#### GRANT RAMSEY.

Among the young business men of Grinnell none stands higher in the estimation of the people than Grant Ramsey, who is at the head of one of the most flourishing commercial enterprises in the city. He was born in Gilman, Marshall county, Iowa, October 28, 1878, a son of John and Fannie (Rice) Ramsey, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania and the latter in Ohio. The mother removed to Franklin Grove, Illinois, with her parents, and Mr. Ramsey came to the same place in his young manhood. They were married there and he engaged in farming until 1865, when he removed to Iowa by wagon and located upon one hundred and sixty acres of government land near Gilman, in Tama county. He proceeded to improve his property and later purchased eighty acres adjoining, making a farm of two hundred and forty acres which became highly productive. In 1898 he removed to Grinnell. The mother was called away in 1903, and in the spring of 1910 Mr. Ramsey was married to Mrs. Hausen, widow of Henry Hausen. Mrs. Ramsey was a schoolmate of her husband in the early days. She was residing at Franklin Grove, Illinois, at the time of her second marriage and Mr. Ramsey has since made his home there. He is a member of the Congregational church and in business affairs has been highly successful, having attained a position of comparative financial independence.

Grant Ramsey was reared under the parental roof and received his early education in the district schools. Later he attended the Grinnell high school. Having decided upon a mercantile career, he began as a clerk in the hardware and



grocery store of Bailey & Rinefort, continuing therein for three years. He then spent one summer in the west with Mr. Bailey in the buggy-trailing business. Upon returning to Grinnell he went to work in the grocery department of Proctor, Cady & Company and on June 1, 1903, purchased the business from his employers. By the application of up-to-date methods he has built up a large patronage and is now at the head of the largest grocery, bakery and market business in this section of the state. He is also a stockholder and a member of the board of directors of the Grinnell Savings Bank and the Grinnell Brick & Tile Company.

On June 1, 1904, Mr. Ramsey was united in marriage to Miss Mamie Proctor, a daughter of F. O. Proctor, formerly a prominent business man of Grinnell, but now deceased. Of this union two children have been born: Frederick P. and John P. Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey are valued members of the Congregationalist church. Politically he gives his support to the republican party and fraternally he is identified with Herman Lodge, No. 273, A. F. & A. M., and Grinnell Lodge, No. 175, K. P. He is also identified with the Commercial Club and the Poweshieks of Grinnell. He has been remarkably enterprising and his energy has met with well merited reward. His business methods are straightforward and his substantial qualities have won for him a general and lasting regard.

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#### JASPER N. MARSH.

One of Poweshiek county's retired agriculturists who spent three and one-half years of his early manhood on the battlefields of the south in defense of his country, is Jasper N. Marsh. He was born in Lee county, Iowa, on the 10th of March, 1844, his parents being Isaac L. and Martha A. (Williams) Marsh, both natives of Darke county, Ohio, where they were reared and married. In 1839 they migrated to Lee county, Iowa, where the father entered government land, which he improved and cultivated, continuing its cultivation for many years. The mother has now passed away, but the father still survives at a venerable age and continues to reside in Lee county. In their family were eleven children, as follows: Rebecca J., who is the widow of Amos Sniff, of Lee county, Iowa; Jasper N., our subject; Emeline, who is deceased; Martha, the wife of William Liddle, of Argyle, Iowa; Wesley, who is residing in Lee county, Iowa; Ransom, who lives in Kansas; Louisa, deceased; Edward, Monroe and Joseph, all of whom are residing in Lee county; and Belle, deceased. The father always casts an independent ballot in politics, and both he and his wife affiliated with the Disciples church, holding membership in the first church of that denomination organized in Iowa.

Jasper N. Marsh, having been reared on a farm, early became familiar with the work of the fields, as while yet pursuing his education in the district schools he was assigned the lighter duties about the home. His responsibilities increased with the passing years, as his strength as well as judgment developed, so that when old enough to begin for himself he decided to follow agricultural pursuits as a life vocation. In February, 1862, he enlisted as a private in Company F,

Sixteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and went to the front in defense of his country. He saw much active service and participated in the battles of Pittsburg Landing and Kenesaw Mountain, both battles of Corinth and the siege of Vicksburg and Atlanta. He was captured in the latter and consigned to Andersonville prison on the 22d of July, 1864, and there he was held until the 28th of April, 1865. After receiving his discharge he returned home, where he remained until the following year. In 1866 he came to Poweshiek county and purchased a farm in Union township, which he cultivated until 1900, when he withdrew from agricultural pursuits and removed to Montezuma, where he is now living retired.

The 7th of January, 1869, Mr. Marsh married Miss Nancy S. Saunders, a daughter of Aaron A. and Harriet E. (Dudley) Saunders, of Union township. Her parents were natives of Ohio, having been born and reared in the vicinity of Jamestown. They removed to Poweshiek county in 1851, where the father was for many years engaged in farming. Both parents are now deceased. Of their union was born nine children, in the following order: Samantha, the wife of Pleasant Hayes, who is a resident of Montezuma; Irwin S., who is living at Searsboro, Iowa; Nancy, now Mrs. Marsh., who was born in the vicinity of Forest Home, Union township, on the 22d of August, 1851; James M., also a resident of Searsboro; and Robert A. and Isaac H., both living in Union township; Richard A., a resident of Lorimor, Iowa; Harry S., of Searsboro; and Ernest F., who is living in Union township. The parents both affiliated with the Christian church, and Mr. Saunders was a republican in politics.

Mr. and Mrs. Marsh are the parents of three children: Martha, the widow of Christopher Reimpp, of Montezuma; Ethel Elizabeth, the wife of Burton Saunders, of Union township; and Lewis A., also a resident of Union township, who married Anna Allen and lives on his father's farm.

Fraternally Mr. Marsh is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, while he maintains relations with his army comrades through his membership in the Grand Army of the Republic. His political rights have always been exercised in support of the candidates of the republican party, although he has never been an aspirant to official honors, and the religious affiliation of himself and wife is with the Christian church. Mr. Marsh is one of the old residents of the county, in the development and advancement of which he has contributed his quota as a good business man, successful agriculturist and desirable citizen.

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#### ORISON C. HOLDEN.

During the entire period of his active career Orison C. Holden has been associated with the agricultural development of Poweshiek county, continuing to be engaged in general farming and stock-raising in Grinnell township. He was born in Jasper county in September, 1867, and is a son of Elias W. and Elizabeth (McKay) Holden, both natives of the state of New York, but the father of German and the mother of Scotch extraction. The father, who was also a farmer, removed to Minnesota in 1854, following his vocation in that state for

thirteen years. At the end of that time he removed to Jasper county, Iowa, where he owned a farm, and where he remained until 1889. In the latter year he located in Poweshiek county, where he purchased a farm, but he has been a resident of Webster county, Missouri, since 1892.

It was in the common schools of Poweshiek and Jasper counties that Orison C. Holden obtained his preliminary education, following the completion of which he entered business college at Shenandoah, where he pursued a commercial course. Subsequently he taught school for two terms in Missouri and then engaged in farming. Returning to Poweshiek county he rented a farm for six years, in the cultivation of which he engaged until 1902, when he purchased a place in Grinnell township, upon which he lived until the 1st of March, 1911, when he removed to his present location, which he rents, adjacent to the city of Grinnell. Here Mr. Holden is engaging in general farming, but his attention is largely given to the breeding of Angus cattle, of which he is making a specialty. His is one of the valuable farms of the township. The land is thoroughly cultivated and in good condition, while the buildings are substantially constructed and well repaired. Mr. Holden has met with most gratifying success in his various undertakings and owns one hundred and sixty acres of excellent land in Mitchell county, Iowa.

Mr. Holden was united in marriage to Miss Julia A. Spooner, a daughter of Luke P. Spooner, a farmer, in August, 1896. Three children have been born unto Mr. and Mrs. Holden: Glenwood Miles, Grace Olive and Winifred Irene. The religious faith of the family is manifested in their affiliation with the Baptist church of Grinnell.

Mr. Holden has always been a staunch adherent of the republican party, but as he has never aspired to public honors or the emoluments of office does not actively participate in local politics. It is generally known, however, that his support is always given to all measures which will tend to promote the mental, moral or commercial welfare of the community.

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### JOHN J. RODGERS.

John J. Rodgers, manager of the Rodgers Produce Company, arrived in Montezuma on his eighteenth birthday and has since been a resident of Poweshiek county. There are no esoteric chapters in his life history and the fact that many of his staunchest friends are among those who have known him from his boyhood indicates that his record has at all times been worthy of regard and admiration. He was born in Jefferson county, Ohio, March 20, 1852, and is a son of John K. and Levina (Woodward) Rodgers. He was next to the youngest in their family of eight children of whom mention is made in connection with the sketch of Joseph W. Rodgers on another page of this work. His youthful days were spent in the Buckeye state and its public schools afforded him his educational privileges. As previously stated, he reached Montezuma on his eighteenth birthday in company with his parents and sisters, his brothers James and Joseph having preceded him. Here John J. Rodgers has made his home continuously since

1870 and in the intervening period of forty-one years has been an advocate of all that is progressive in citizenship and in business. After coming to this county he attended school for three months and then put aside his text-books to enter business life. He clerked for about four years, most of the time in the employ of F. A. Kilburn, the pioneer merchant here. He afterward engaged in farming for five years about four miles southeast of Montezuma, and for twenty-three years was connected with the lumber and grain business in the employ of Moler & Clark. Since that time he has been managing the Rodgers Produce Company, a business founded by his brothers but now owned by Muscatine parties. John J. Rodgers is the owner of a comfortable residence here and his wife owns a farm near the city.

It was in the year 1879 that Mr. Rodgers was united in marriage to Miss Sarah K. Searight, who was born in June, 1856, near Zanesville, Ohio, and in 1863 came to Iowa with her parents. She is a daughter of John F. and Harriet C. (Stevens) Searight, natives of Ohio and Maryland respectively, both, however, passing away in Poweshiek county, Iowa. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Rodgers have been born two children, Elwood J. and Lola V. The son married Dorothy Evans and is employed by the Union Pacific Railroad at Omaha, Nebraska.

In his political views Mr. Rodgers is an earnest republican, having continuously supported the party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He is now serving on the school board and was its president in 1910. His fraternal relations are with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and his religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church. The Rodgers family has long been well known in this county and like the others of the name John J. Rodgers commands the good will, confidence and kindly regard of his fellow townsmen.

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#### FREDERIC MORRISON.

A native of Grinnell, Frederic Morrison has become one of its successful business men and well merits the high regard in which he is held by many who have known him from his early boyhood. He was born June 9, 1879, a son of David S. and Fannie (Ricker) Morrison, a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work.

Frederic Morrison was reared under the parental roof and possessed rare advantages of education and home training. He attended the public schools and the Grinnell high school, later matriculating at Grinnell College, from which he was graduated in 1901 with a degree of A. B. Almost from his earliest recollection he has been acquainted with the glove manufacturing business, in his boyhood learning every detail of this important industry. After leaving college he went to Europe, combining business with pleasure, and purchased skins for the factory. He also visited England, Belgium, Germany and France and made many observations of great interest. In February, 1902, he became connected with Morrison, McIntosh & Company, he and Mr. Ricker buying out the interest of E. A. Wadsworth, the title since being the Morrison & Ricker Manufacturing



Company. This is one of the important concerns of the kind in the west and it now enjoys a large and growing patronage.

On April 25, 1906, Mr. Morrison was united in marriage to Miss Fay Cline, of Belle Plaine, Iowa, a daughter of Milton and Alice (Alshire) Cline, who died when Mrs. Morrison was a child. She was reared by an uncle, Dr. James Mc-Morris, and educated at the Belle Plaine high school, graduating in 1896. Later she entered Grinnell College, from which she was graduated with a degree of A. B. in 1905. She is a lady of many estimable traits of character. Two children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Morrison, namely: David Cline and James Robert.

Mr. Morrison and his wife are consistent and faithful members of the Congregational church, in which they take an active interest. Ever since reaching manhood he has given his support to the republican party, and fraternally he holds membership in Herman Lodge, No. 273, A. F. & A. M. He is recognized as a representative citizen of unusual enterprise and marked ability. He belongs to the class known as progressive men and by his integrity, energy and industry he has won the confidence and esteem of his associates and of all with whom he has come in contact.

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#### OLE FIGLAND.

In a history of Poweshiek county mention should be made of Ole Figland, now deceased, whose efforts along agricultural lines earned for him the proud American title of a self-made man. He was one of Norway's contributions to the citizenship of Iowa, and throughout his lifetime exemplified many of the sterling traits for which the people of that country have ever been noted.

In early manhood he left his native country to seek a home amid the strange environment of a strange land. Crossing the Atlantic to America, he made his way direct to Chicago, and thence went to Wisconsin, arriving in that state in 1861. There he worked as a laborer for a few years, after which he went to Michigan and was there employed as a chopper of cordwood for three winters. He then returned to Wisconsin for a short time, after which he came to Poweshiek county, locating in Searsboro in 1866. In 1871 he came to Malcom township and purchased a tract of unbroken prairie located on section 31. With characteristic energy he at once began its improvement and as the years passed succeeded in developing it into a highly cultivated tract. This farm, consisting of ninety-six acres, became the homestead, and subsequently he added other property, becoming the owner of two hundred and twenty acres lying across the road in Grinnell township. Later he traded eighty acres of that property for land in South Dakota, and also sold forty acres. He improved the home place with a good dwelling and substantial outbuildings, and continued to carry on agricultural pursuits there for a number of years. Later, however, he rented it and went to South Dakota, spending his last years on his property in that state.

Something of the prosperity which attended his efforts is indicated by the fact that he reached Chicago with a cash capital of but twenty-five cents, with

no knowledge whatever of the language or customs of the American people, and at the time of his death he not only owned two hundred and sixteen acres in the home farm in Poweshiek county, but also six quarter sections of land in Sanborn county, South Dakota, all well improved, which stand as a monument to his life of undaunted energy, unfaltering industry and a perseverance that never flagged. When death claimed him, at the comparatively early age of fifty-six years, he was able to leave to his family a most comfortable competence.

Mr. Figland was united in marriage, in 1863, near Madison, Wisconsin, to Miss Annie Sandmark, who was born in Norway on the 24th of April, 1840. After the death of her mother she came with a sister to the United States to join her father in Wisconsin, arriving in that state in 1861. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Figland were born nine children, as follows: Charles, of Grinnell township; Belle, the wife of Ed Larson, of Minneapolis; Christina, who married M. C. Bean, of Wheelock, North Dakota; Anna, the wife of Christ Olson, of Malta, Illinois; Lily, who married Theodore Olson, of Grinnell; Lena, who passed away at the age of one year, seven months; Lewis Johann, who died when two years, nine months old; Clara Josephine, who passed away when eleven months old; and Louis J., renting the home place in Poweshiek county, who married Miss Nora Tysdal and has one child, Le Roy. The mother still survives and makes her home on the old homestead farm with her youngest son.

Mr. Figland passed away on the 12th of October, 1892, his death resulting from the kick of a horse. He was a strong, powerful man physically, and still in the prime of life. The story of his success is short and simple. It contains no exciting chapters, but is a record of well directed effort, guided by a sturdy common sense and persistency of purpose. He came to this country with no capital save brains, energy, integrity and rugged health, but he was not afraid to work, and accepted any honorable employment which came to his hand, and as time passed he attained a position of independence which was well won and justly merited.

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#### HENRY HILL.

A resident of Grinnell for fifty-seven years, Henry Hill has watched the little hamlet with its scattered log cabins develop into a thriving town with beautiful homes and an institution of learning, which causes it to be recognized as one of the educational centers of the state of Iowa. Mr. Hill was born in Norfolk, England, on the 12th of November, 1831, and is a son of Warner Chevalier and Georgiana (Fanner) Hill, also natives of Norfolk. The father, who was a lawyer, assessor and postmaster of Walsingham, England, passed away at the age of forty years and the mother survived him but a short time. They were the parents of seven children. One of their sons, who was a member of the Third Dragoons during the Crimean war, returned to England and was killed in a mob in London.

Henry Hill was reared in the paternal home, acquiring his education in the common and high schools of his native town, and later he delivered mail be-



HENRY HILL.





tween Fakenham and Walsingham, walking the distance, which was five miles, twice a day. When he was eighteen years of age an uncle of his, who was a farmer in the vicinity of Niles, Michigan, wrote to the father and asked if his eldest son could come to the United States and work for him. As the brother did not care to accept the offer Henry asked permission to come, which was granted, whereupon he took passage for America, arriving in Niles in 1848. He resided there until June, 1854, when he came to Latimer's Grove, Iowa, going by stage to Iowa City. From there he walked north until he came to Sugar creek, Poweshiek county, where he found the log cabin of J. B. Grinnell, for whom the town was later named. The country, which was very sparsely settled at that time, was full of wild game, and there were deer as well as wolves. Mr. Hill liked the country and decided to settle here, immediately engaging in cutting logs for cabins. To him was given the distinction of felling the trees for the first cabin built in Grinnell. Much discomfort and untold hardships were endured by the early settlers, who were so remote from all residence and trading centers as to be compelled to live in the most primitive fashion. The nearest trading point, of any size, was Iowa City and owing to the distance, poor roads and slow gait of the oxen—horses being almost unknown in this section at that time—a week was consumed in the journey, which was not made often. In order to facilitate matters somewhat the neighbors took turns in going to town, whoever made the trip discharging the errands of the entire community in which he lived. Mr. Hill helped to lay out the city of Grinnell by carrying a chain for the surveyors who platted the town. After a settlement was established he and E. S. Bartlett opened a meat market, which they conducted for thirteen years. At the expiration of that period, however, Mr. Hill disposed of his interest to Mr. Bartlett and thereafter devoted his attention to his public duties. Having captured a thief who stole some money in the vicinity of Des Moines, Mr. Hill was recognized as one well qualified to discharge the duties of constable, of which office he is still the incumbent. He was also marshal for many years as well as street commissioner and a member of the city council, but having reached the age of eighty years he is now living rather a retired life.

Mr. Hill has been twice married, his first union being with Miss Susan Nesbor Harris, and their marriage, which was solemnized in 1855, was the first performed in Grinnell. Mrs. Hill, who was a daughter of James Harris, and a native of Pennsylvania, passed away in 1890. By this marriage five children were born, as follows: Harry E., who is married and living in Hutchinson, Kansas, where he is engaged in the meat business; Clara E., who became the wife of F. J. McCumber; Albert, a graduate of the Grinnell high school and college, who is a barber in Peoria, Illinois; William E., who is conducting a barber shop in Grinnell; and Charles, who is employed by the Armour Packing Company, of Kansas City. For his second wife Mr. Hill chose Miss Rosa Turner, a daughter of Walter and Martha (Hilsabeck) Turner, the father a native of England and the mother of Germany.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill are members of the Congregational church, and in politics he is a republican. Many are the interesting reminiscences he relates of the pioneer days, some of which are humorous as well as pathetic. Particularly

vivid is the story which he relates of his experience in killing a wolf, of which there were many when he first came to Grinnell. Although he has passed the eightieth milestone on life's journey Mr. Hill is still quite active and takes an interest in all that pertains to the welfare of the town which he helped found over fifty years ago.

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### JOHN McDONALD.

At the present writing (1911) John McDonald is not actively engaged in business in Montezuma but for many years was closely associated with commercial interests here and is still connected with the grain trade in other parts of the state. He has ever placed a correct valuation upon life and its opportunities and as the years have gone by has made such wise use of his advantages that a very desirable measure of success has crowned his industry and perseverance.

He was born in Godridge, Ontario, Canada, June 10, 1837, his parents being John and Hannah (McMillan) McDonald, both of whom were natives of Nova Scotia. The former was the son of Angus McDonald, who was born in Scotland and on coming to the new world settled in Nova Scotia but afterward engaged in farming near London, Ontario. Hannah McMillan's father was also a native of Scotland. In fact both of the grandfathers of our subject were from the Highlands and became residents of Nova Scotia, where John McDonald and Hannah McMillan were born. They were married, however, in London, Ontario, and in 1866 became residents of Iowa. Two or three years later they took up their abode in Montezuma, where Mr. McDonald passed away in his seventy-fifth year. His widow afterward made her home with her daughters and reached the very advanced age of ninety-four years.

The second in order of birth in a family of eight children, John McDonald remained at the place of his nativity until he came to Iowa in 1862. The following year he established his home in Montezuma and after the great Chicago fire of 1871 went to that city, where he remained for three years. In early life he entered the carpenter's trade with his father and for a long period followed that pursuit, being engaged in the rebuilding of Chicago after much of the city had been destroyed. He also worked at his trade in Montezuma for about four years. In 1879, however, he went to Colorado, where he resided until the fall of 1884. He owned a ranch upon which he made his home and also engaged in the hay and feed business there. In 1884, however, he again came to Montezuma, where he established a lumber and grain business, in which he continued with gratifying success until July, 1910. He then disposed of his interests in the city but is still part owner of an elevator at Barnes City and another at Clarion, being associated at the latter place with T. Harris under the firm style of T. Harris & Company. Mr. T. Harris, Sr., was Mr. McDonald's partner in the lumber and grain business in Montezuma and following his death his son became a partner in the business. In addition to his other interests Mr. McDonald owns a good farm of one hundred and twenty acres a mile and a half west of

Montezuma and an attractive residence in this city which he has occupied continuously since 1885.

Mr. McDonald first married Miss Mary E. Vest, who died in 1875. She was a daughter of Dr. J. W. H. Vest, one of the pioneers of this county and quite a prominent man. In 1880 Mr. McDonald was again married, his second wife being Miss Sarah Elizabeth Harris, who was born in Massachusetts in 1856 and came to Iowa with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harris, both of whom are now deceased. The home of Mr. and Mrs. McDonald has been blessed with five children, as follows: Professor Thomas H., a graduate of Iowa State University at Ames, Iowa, who is now an engineer in the employ of the state, being located at Ames and having charge of improved road work in Iowa; Ross, who was a student for three years in the Iowa College at Grinnell and is now operating his father's farm; Charles M., an employe of the Southern Pacific Railroad located at Tuscon, Arizona, who attended the engineering department of the University at Ames for three years; Jean, at home; and Florence, a student in the Montezuma high school.

Mr. McDonald has never been an office seeker but has served as a member of the city council and also as a member of the school board. He belongs to the Presbyterian church and is interested in all that pertains to the material, social, intellectual and moral progress of the community. In fact his influence is always on the side of right, justice and truth, and his friends recognize in him a man who is dependable under all circumstances.

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### JOHN EDWIN VAN EVERA.

Among the honored citizens of Poweshiek county who have passed to their reward may be named John Edwin Van Evera, who for many years was well known as one of the most prosperous farmers of the county. He was born at Canajoharie, Montgomery county, New York, June 3, 1849, a son of Rynier and Katharine (Stowitts) Van Evera. The family traces its ancestry to an enterprising Hollander who established his home in New York at an early date in the history of the colonies and whose descendants may now be found in various states of the Union. Rynier Van Evera was married in New York state to Miss Katharine Stowitts and they began their wedded life on a farm in Montgomery county. In 1855 he came to Scott county, Iowa, where our subject's grandfather, John Van Evera had previously settled. Rynier Van Evera was a farmer and devoted the remainder of his life to agriculture and stock-raising. There were four children in his family, the subject of this review being the youngest.

John Edwin Van Evera was reared to manhood upon his father's farm and received his education in the district schools and at Hopkinton, Iowa. He continued in Scott county until 1884, when he removed to Poweshiek county and purchased one hundred and sixty acres near Grinnell, cultivating his farm to such good advantage that he became the owner of four hundred acres, which he developed into one of the most valuable properties in the county. He raised



stock upon an extensive scale and also fed stock for the market. In 1902 he took up his residence in Grinnell. About two years previous to this time he had become identified with the loan and insurance business, in which he was very successful, and after removing to the city he devoted his attention largely to those lines. His health, however, had become impaired and he and his wife spent a year traveling in the west in the hope that a change of scene and climate would restore him to his usual vigor. He was unusually active and efficient in business affairs and was treasurer of the Poweshiek County Mutual Insurance Company and also of the Poweshiek County Agricultural Society.

In January, 1873, Mr. Van Evera was united in marriage to Miss Ella Cessna, a native of Bedford county, Pennsylvania, and a daughter of Thomas R. Cessna, a record of whom is given in the sketch of N. W. Cessna which appears elsewhere in this work. Four children came to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Van Evera, namely: Ray, now engaged in the stock business at Wessington Springs, South Dakota; Rynier, manager of the Kansas Milling & Export Company of Kansas; Jay, a member of the firm of Crow & Van Evera, who are engaged in the real-estate and loan business at Kansas City, and Gertrude, now Mrs. H. L. Viets, of Grinnell.

Mr. Van Evera died July, 1904, and the general expression of regret which followed the announcement of his death gave evidence of the high esteem in which he was held by the community. Religiously he affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he was an earnest supporter. Politically he gave his adherence to the democratic party. He was essentially a man of business and his judgment was usually so correct that his neighbors regarded him as an authority on subjects pertaining to agriculture and stock-raising. He was a man of kindly and genial temperament who attracted friends wherever he was known. Mrs. Van Evera still resides at the family home. She is well known and has many warm personal friends in Grinnell and Poweshiek county.

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### JOSEPH MORRIS.

Joseph Morris has the distinction of having served in the Civil war for a longer period than any other of the enlisted men of Poweshiek county, and his military record is one of which he has every reason to be proud, for at no time was his valor or his loyalty ever questioned. He was born in Greene county, Pennsylvania, on the 18th of March, 1844. The family is of Irish lineage. His paternal grandparents were Samuel and Sarah (Girard) Morris. They were probably born in Pennsylvania and spent their entire lives there, the former dying at the age of ninety-eight and the latter when eighty-nine years of age. Samuel Morris was a son of Jonathan Morris, a native of New Jersey, and a relative of Gouverneur Morris, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence and a most active factor in support of the continental government at the time of the Revolutionary war. The parents of Joseph Morris were Justin and Rebecca (Goulden) Morris, natives of Greene county, Pennsylvania, born March 25, 1800, and the year 1814 respectively. Their last days were passed



in Clark county, Missouri, where Mrs. Morris died in 1851, her husband having survived her for a half century, his death occurring in 1901. He had been a life-long farmer and thus provided for the support of his family of ten children, six sons and four daughters, of whom Joseph Morris was the fifth in order of birth. After losing his first wife Justin Morris married again and there were two children by that union. John P. and George Morris, brothers of our subject, were both soldiers of the Civil war. The latter died soon after enlisting and John P., in the fall of 1863, joined the same company and regiment of which Joseph Morris was a member.

The spirit of enterprise and progress which has long dominated the middle west has been exemplified in the life of Joseph Morris, who was reared west of the Mississippi, having been only eighteen months old when his parents removed to Clark county, Missouri. There he resided until after the outbreak of the Civil war, when he enlisted on the 15th of June, 1861, as a member of Company G, Twenty-first Missouri Veteran Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Thomas Rose and Colonel David Moore. He was mustered out April 19, 1866, having been connected with the army for four years, ten months and four days. His enlistment was in response to the first call for three years' men and he remained at the front until after the proclamation of peace had been issued by the president. He was first under fire at the battle of Athens, Missouri, August 5, 1861. He took part in the battle of Shiloh, April 6-7, 1862; Corinth, October 3-4, 1862; Tupelo, Tennessee, July 14, 1864; Blue Spring, Missouri, in the fall of 1864; and was afterward allowed a veteran furlough which he spent at home. He took part in the battle of Nashville on the 15th and 16th of December, 1864, and at Fort Blakeley, Alabama, April 9, 1865. He was also in many lesser engagements but never did he falter in the performance of duty, whether on the firing line or stationed on the lonely picket line. After the battle of Shiloh he became ill and was forced to remain in the hospital for two months. During most of the service he was a corporal. After receiving his discharge he went to Oskaloosa and there resided until the spring of 1874, when he removed to Poweshiek county and for two years engaged in farming. Since 1876 he has made his home in Montezuma and was engaged in the painting business until 1885, when he joined his son, Edward K. Morris, under the firm name of Morris & Son, for the conduct of a harness business. They were associated in the enterprise for twenty-two years or until 1907, since which time Joseph Morris has practically lived retired, although occasionally he does work at his old trade of painter, for indolence and idleness are foreign to his nature so that he frequently busies himself with that line of work.

Mr. Morris was married, on the 21st of June, 1866, to Miss Elizabeth Golden, who was born in Greene county, Pennsylvania, on the 4th of November, 1849, and in 1856 removed with her parents to Oskaloosa, Iowa, where she was married. Her parents were William and Catharine Mary (Truxsal) Golden, natives of Pennsylvania and Virginia respectively, and both passed away in Oskaloosa. On the paternal side Mrs. Morris comes of Irish lineage and on the maternal side from German ancestry. By her marriage with Joseph Morris she became the mother of five children, as follows: Edward K., of Montezuma; Charles E., residing in Rapid City, South Dakota; Frank, of Castle, Alberta,

Canada; Justin J., a resident of Marion, Iowa; and Ida Louise, the wife of C. C. McDonald, of Grafton, Nebraska. Of these Frank and Justin enlisted for service in the Spanish-American war, the former becoming a member of Company D, Fifty-second Iowa Infantry, while the latter was a member of Company I., Fiftieth Iowa. It will thus be seen that the military spirit is strongly developed in the family and that loyalty to their country is one of their marked characteristics. Mr. Morris is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and his life in all of his relations with his fellowmen and in business has been actuated by his belief in the teachings of the Methodist Episcopal church of which he has long been a member. His record is a creditable one and all who know him entertain for him the warm regard which is everywhere a recognition of noble traits of manhood.

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### HERMAN EWOLDT.

Many thousands of ambitious young men have come to America from Europe in quest of home and fortune and it may be said to their credit and to the credit of the American republic that the majority of them were not disappointed. Here they found opportunities that long settled and older countries could not offer, and many of the most respected citizens of the United States are of European birth. In this number may be mentioned Herman Ewoldt, who now owns a valuable farm of two hundred acres in Grinnell township. He was born in Holstein, Germany, December 25, 1864, a son of Henry and Bertha (Koch) Ewoldt, both of whom were natives of the same place. The father engaged in teaming and is now deceased, but the mother is still living in the old country. There were five children in their family: Anna, deceased; Herman; Amelia, who came to America and married William Edens, of Davenport, Iowa; Wilhelm, who is living in Germany; and Antonie, who is the wife of Bernhardt Schrader, and who also resides in Germany.

Mr. Ewoldt, of this review, possessed good advantages of education in his native country and continued at home until eighteen years of age. In March, 1882, he landed in America and in Butler township, Scott county, Iowa, he found employment on a farm where he continued for seven years. He then came to Grinnell township, Poweshiek county, and later to Washington township, where he purchased eighty acres of land and upon which he established his home. As his resources increased he bought more land and now owns a fine farm of two hundred acres. He has erected the buildings which are to be seen upon his place and has put in many modern improvements, making it one of the most desirable farms in the township. He raises the cereals, but pays special attention to feeding cattle and hogs for the market, in which line he has acquired an enviable reputation. He is a stockholder of the Farmers' Elevator Company at Grinnell and the Farmers' Cooperative Creamery at Jacobs, being also treasurer of the latter organization.

On the 12th of March, 1895, Mr. Ewoldt was united in marriage to Miss Mary Kelm, a daughter of Frank and Julia (Polaska) Kelm, of Malcom town-

ship. Mr. and Mrs. Ewoldt were the parents of one son, Henry, who was born August 5, 1907, and is now deceased.

Politically Mr. Ewoldt is identified with the democratic party, but not in the hope of acquiring office, as he has never aspired to the emoluments of any public position, being more than satisfied to attend quietly to his own affairs. He was reared in the faith of the German Lutheran church to which he has ever since adhered, being also a valued member of the Knights of Pythias lodge of Grinnell. He is a man of excellent traits and one who readily makes friends wherever he is known. As a farmer he takes great interest in everything pertaining to agriculture and stock-raising, and for several years served as a member of the board of directors of the Malcom fair.

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### JOHN H. PORTER.

John H. Porter is a retired merchant of Montezuma and the vice president of the First National Bank. While he has won success in business it is his personal characteristics that have endeared him to his fellowmen. Especially is he prominent and popular in the Grand Army of the Republic, and he may well be proud of the fact that for thirty years he has been chosen the color bearer of his post.

He was born in Carroll county, Ohio, April 29, 1841, and was therefore but a lad of thirteen years when, in November, 1854, he arrived in Montezuma with his parents, Alexander and Catharine (Ralston) Porter. The father was born in Ireland in 1807 and the mother in Virginia. Alexander Porter came to the United States with his parents when seven years of age and located in that portion of Virginia which is now the Panhandle of West Virginia. There he was reared and married and later he became a pioneer in the forests of Ohio, entering land from the government and residing in that state until he came to Iowa. For a few years he lived in Montezuma and then took up his abode in Pleasant township, where for a long period he carried on general agricultural pursuits. In later years, however, he retired from business and again became a resident of Montezuma, where he died January 14, 1899, when eighty-two years of age. His wife died February 14, 1879. In their family were eleven children, of whom one died in infancy. The others were: Henrietta, of Montezuma; Scott T., deceased; Eliza J., who passed away in 1858; James L., of Ohio, who served for three years in the Civil war as a soldier in the Fifty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry; Mary A., who wedded George Burns, of Des Moines; John H., of this review; Joseph M., of Pleasant township; Johnson A., residing at Grinnell; S. J., also of that city; and C. C., of Des Moines.

The usual experiences of farm life came to John H. Porter in his boyhood and youth, and his educational advantages were those afforded by the public schools of his native and his adopted state. He remained with his father until his enlistment for service in the Civil war on the 2d of August, 1862, as a member of Company C, Twenty-eighth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He served

for three years, or until the close of the war, and was mustered out with his regiment at Savannah, Georgia, July 31, 1865, having in the meantime participated in a number of hotly contested engagements in which his bravery and his determination were many times proven.

Following the cessation of hostilities Mr. Porter engaged in farming in Pleasant township from 1865 until 1872, and following his removal to Montezuma in the latter year was engaged in the hardware business with A. F. Rayburn under the firm style of Rayburn & Porter for a quarter of a century. He made for himself a creditable place among merchants in this city as the methods he pursued were always straightforward and honorable, and he put forth earnest efforts to please his patrons. While now living retired from close connection with active business affairs he is the vice president of the First National Bank of Montezuma, in which he owns considerable stock, and his property holdings include ninety acres of valuable land in Jackson township adjoining the corporation limits of Montezuma on the north, together with an attractive residence and business property in this city.

In 1869 Mr. Porter was united in marriage to Miss Mary J. Rayburn, who was born in Highland county, Ohio, and in 1879, at the age of forty-one years, was called to her final rest. She was a daughter of John K. Rayburn, and by her marriage became the mother of five children, as follows: Gertrude, the wife of W. L. Meredith, of Montezuma; Mary, who passed away in infancy; Raymond A., of Idaho; Alice, who also died in infancy; and Albert L. operating his father's farm. After the death of his first wife, in 1887, Mr. Porter was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Alicia McMillien. She was born in Harnedsville, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, on the 16th of September, 1850, and in 1865, when a maiden of fifteen summers, came with her parents to Iowa. She is a daughter of John Harned and a granddaughter of Samuel Harned, in honor of whom the town of Harnedsville was named.

In his political views Mr. Porter has long been a stalwart republican, giving to the party unfailing support. For twelve years he served as a member of the city council and did effective work in behalf of public progress and improvement. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Grand Army of the Republic, and since the organization of the local post has served as its color bearer. He has strong and deep attachment for the starry banner and is as true and loyal to his country in days of peace as when he followed the old flag upon the battlefields of the south.

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#### J. W. FOWLER.

J. W. Fowler, proprietor of the Grinnell Creamery, Ice & Cold Storage Plant, is one of the most respected citizens of Poweshiek county—an honor which he has gained wholly through application of sound principles of business in affairs in which the city and surrounding country are deeply interested. He was born near Sullivan, Indiana, October 31, 1859, a son of James D. and Caroline (Houglan) Fowler, the former of whom was a native of Ohio and the latter of Indi-





MR. AND MRS. J. W. FOWLER



ana. They were married in Indiana and located on a farm near Sullivan. The mother died in 1864, and the father subsequently married Miss Martha Merrill. In 1868 he removed with his family to Muscatine county, Iowa, and later spent two or three years in Arkansas, but returned to Iowa and took up his home in Grinnell, where he now lives.

J. W. Fowler came to Iowa at the age of nine years and received his early education in the common schools. He started as a wage-earner at seventeen, working as a farm hand in the summer and attending school in the winter. He taught school for two years but determined to devote his attention to farming. Accordingly he rented land for three years and then bought one hundred and sixty acres, the northwest quarter of section 36, Grinnell township, on which he lived until 1900. For ten years of this time he operated a creamery on his farm, milking from twenty-five to thirty-five cows. He also made a specialty of breeding thoroughbred Holstein cattle and used such good judgment that he attained a national reputation as a breeder. He left his farm and removed to Council Bluffs, Iowa, in 1900, but secured the services of E. W. Bortell to continue in the breeding business and they stocked the farm with thoroughbred Hereford cattle. Mr. Bortell managed affairs very successfully, but at the end of three years Mr. Fowler, having other use for his money, sold the place. While living at Council Bluffs he built a creamery at Corley, Shelby county, Iowa, which he operated to excellent advantage for one year and then disposed of to farmers of that section. Returning to Grinnell, he fitted out the old wire factory as a creamery and entered upon a business which has developed to remarkable proportions. His patronage increased to such an extent that after one year he erected a modern brick structure, which is now part of his present plant. At first he confined his operations exclusively to the creamery business but later he began the manufacture of ice cream, and the demand has grown to such proportions that he now manufactures from two hundred to three hundred gallons a day, the product finding sale over a wide area in this part of the state. He established one of the first centralizing plants in this section and now receives cream daily from points as far distant as one hundred miles and manufactures a carload of butter a week, which is of such high quality that it finds sale even in the most exclusive markets of the east. In 1906 he installed an ice manufacturing and cold storage plant, which is one of the most modern of the kind to be found in Iowa. In addition to his large enterprises at Grinnell he owns a farm of two hundred and seventy acres in Audrain county, Missouri, which under his direction has become highly productive.

On the 20th of October, 1882, Mr. Fowler was united in marriage to Miss Eliza Malvina Allbee, a native of Muscatine county, Iowa, and by this union nine children were born, five of whom are now living, namely: Theda A., now Mrs. Orville Jordan, of Flagler, Colorado; Weaver L., who is in the electrical business at St. Louis, Missouri; Ruth, Raymond E., and Eunice, all of whom are at home.

Mr. Fowler and his estimable wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which she is an active worker, being at the present time president of the Ladies Aid Society. Politically, he is not identified with any party but votes for the individual in preference to supporting any party organization. Fra-

ternally, he holds membership in Grinnell Lodge, No. 175, Knights of Pythias, and is a member of the Grinnell Commercial Club. He is a clear-headed business man whose energy, persistence and zeal have readily overcome obstacles that would have appeared insurmountable to an ordinary individual. He has built up a great enterprise from its very foundation and is recognized as one of the potent influences in the prosperity of a wide section in central Iowa. It is men of this class that add stability to the community and value to interests with which they are identified.

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### ITHIEL S. BAILEY, Jr.

Ithiel S. Bailey, Jr., one of the most prominent and progressive citizens of Grinnell, is president of the Bailey Buggy Company, which have an extensive trade in the south and western country. He is also an extensive landowner and devotes a part of his time to general agricultural pursuits on his farm two miles northwest of Grinnell. His birth occurred in Moretown, Vermont, on the 6th of June, 1858, his parents being Ithiel S. and Lucy (Pattroll) Bailey, the former a native of Acworth, New Hampshire, and the latter of Norwich, Vermont. Following their marriage, which was celebrated in Moretown, Vermont, they removed to Fitchburg, Massachusetts, where Mr. Bailey learned the carpenter's trade and also mastered bridge building. At that time bridges were largely constructed after the truss pattern. In connection with his duties as a building contractor Mr. Bailey also engaged in general agricultural pursuits, operating a farm. In the spring of 1869 he came west to Grinnell, Iowa, and turned his entire attention to agriculture, acquiring a farm of one hundred and eighty-three acres two miles northwest of the town. In 1876 he disposed of the property and removed to Sac county, Iowa, where he purchased land and resided until called to his final rest about 1900, when eighty-two years of age. He gave his political allegiance to the democracy and held various local offices, serving as justice of the peace for several years. He was likewise a valued member of the Masonic fraternity, joining the order in 1865. His wife, who passed away in 1906, also lived to attain the age of eighty-two years.

Ithiel S. Bailey, Jr. was reared at home and obtained his education in the Grinnell high school. When a youth of eighteen he began his career as an agriculturist, renting a farm in the summer of 1876 and devoting his attention to its operation until the spring of 1884. At that time he came to Grinnell and embarked in business as a dealer in farm implements, being thus prominently identified with mercantile interests until 1900. During the greater part of the time he was associated with A. A. Foster, his brother-in-law, and J. C. Goodrich. In 1900 Mr. Bailey and Mr. Goodrich sold their interests to Mr. Foster and embarked in business as hardware merchants. A year later A. C. Rinefort joined the firm and, in association with Mr. Bailey, purchased the interest of Mr. Goodrich. Mr. Bailey and Mr. Rinefort then conducted both a hardware and grocery establishment for about two years. On the expiration of that period Mr. Bailey disposed of his interest in the concern and embarked in the vehicle



business, his market being the west and southwestern country. For the past nine years he has been engaged in that line of business, which has assumed extensive and profitable proportions. He disposes of his goods through the system of trailing, taking the buggies through the country and selling direct to the farmers. Mr. Bailey is also quite extensively interested in farm lands, and in addition to his place two miles northwest of Grinnell, he owns three hundred and twenty acres in the Alberta district of Canada and an eighty acre farm in Oklahoma. He cultivates his Poweshiek county land and likewise feeds cattle to some extent. He is also a stockholder in the Grinnell Gas Company.

In 1876 Mr. Bailey was united in marriage to Miss Ida Kate Houghton, of Grinnell, Iowa, by whom he has a son, Louis Nelson Bailey, still at home, who is engaged with his father in the buggy business. Mr. Bailey is a staunch republican in politics and served for several years as president of the Grinnell school board. At the present time he is a member of the city council of Grinnell. He is also a valued member of the Grinnell Commercial Club, while fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Pythias, belonging to Grinnell Lodge, No. 175. Both he and his wife belong to the Congregational church and take an active and helpful interest in its work. By constant exertion, associated with good judgment, Mr. Bailey has raised himself to the position which he today occupies in business circles, having the friendship of many and the respect of all who know him.

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#### PAUL ESLER.

With practically no capital, but an unlimited supply of energy and determination of purpose, Paul Esler came to America in his early manhood, and by means of his own carefully executed plans and well directed efforts has achieved the success he so thoroughly merited. He was born in Ireland in 1852 and is a son of William and Jennie (Yetty) Esler, both natives of the Emerald isle, where they spent their entire lives, the father engaging in agricultural pursuits.

The common schools of his native land provided Paul Esler with his education, following which he engaged in farming until 1879, when he determined to become a citizen of the United States, feeling convinced that his chances of realizing his ambition were far better here than there so he took passage for America and landed in New York. Immediately making his way into the interior of the state he obtained employment on a farm, where he remained a short time, when he came to Iowa. Upon his arrival here he located in Jasper county, being a resident of Hickory Grove township until he removed to Poweshiek county in 1904. By means of thrift, industry and constant and unceasing application he acquired considerable property in Jasper county, all of which is quite valuable. When he came here Mr. Esler bought one hundred and fifty acres of land in Grinnell township, where he engages in general farming and stock-raising, while he also makes a specialty of feeding stock for the market. He has a very good farm, which is stocked with fine breeds of cattle and horses and contains substantial improvements.

At Kellogg, Iowa, on the 31st of March, 1887, Mr. Esler was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Barr, a daughter of John Barr of Jasper county, who was one of the pioneer settlers, having located upon a farm there in the early '80s. Six children have been born of this marriage: Jennie, the wife of Harry Bacon, of Grinnell township; and Ross, Agnes, Mary, William and Paul, all of whom are at home. The family attend the services of the Congregational church, of which denomination they are members.

Ever since granted the right of suffrage Mr. Esler has given his political support to the candidates of the republican party, considering its policy best adapted to subserve the interest of the majority. He has never actively participated in local governmental matters, however, preferring to spend such time as is not required in the supervision and direction of his business in the company of his family, to whom he is very much devoted. A man of high and honorable principles of life, Mr. Esler is generally accorded the regard he most justly deserves.

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#### JOHN H. OHLAND.

Among the many successful agriculturists of Sheridan township who came from Germany must be numbered the late John H. Ohland, who at the time of his demise had acquired three hundred acres of Poweshiek county's most fertile land. He was born in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, on the 16th of November, 1842, and was a son of Marcus and Katharine (Todth) Ohland. The parents were natives of Litzuesta and spent their entire lives in the fatherland. Mr. Ohland, who was a cabinet-maker, passed away in 1867, but his wife survived him until 1872.

John H. Ohland was reared in his native province, in the common schools of which he acquired his education, following which he learned the carpentry trade. He remained a resident of his native country until 1868, at which time he and his wife emigrated to the United States, locating on a farm in Scott county, Iowa. Mr. Ohland also followed his trade in addition to his agricultural pursuits and worked as a stonemason, continuing to reside in Scott county for eleven years. At the expiration of that period he removed to Poweshiek county, farming as a renter in Malcom township for six years, during which time by means of constant application, perseverance and thrift he acquired the necessary capital to enable him to buy eighty acres in Sheridan township. Here he continued to reside, engaging in general farming and stock-raising until his demise on the 26th of June, 1899.

He met with success in his ventures and was able to add to his holdings from time to time until he had secured the title to three hundred acres of valuable farming land at the time of his death. His wife subsequently assumed charge of the homestead, continuing its operation with the assistance of her sons until two years ago, at which time three of the heirs—Clause, Anna and Henry—bought the interest of the others. They now have entire charge of the property and the mother is living with them. All but fifty-seven acres, which is natural timber, is under cultivation, corn and oats being the heavy crops.

The sons now make a specialty of the breeding and raising of registered Chester White hogs, while Miss Anna is raising silver laced Wyandotte and Columbia Wyandotte chickens.

In 1864, in Tombettle, Germany, Mr. Ohland was united in marriage to Miss Anna Rehader. Mrs. Ohland was a daughter of Clause and Vena (Seibert) Rehader, both natives of the province of Schleswig-Holstein, Germany. The parents spent their entire lives in the fatherland where Mr. Rehader, who was a wagonmaker, followed his trade until his demise in 1864. His wife survived him until 1888. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Ohland were born the following children: Marcus, who married Helen Reimers, a daughter of Clause Reimers, a farmer of Sheridan township, and who lives on a farm northeast of Grinnell in Malcom township; they have six children, Etta, John, Fred, Edith, Florence and Mary; Clause, the second in the order of birth, is assisting in the cultivation of the old homestead; John, a farmer living in Mitchell county, this state, married Miss Anna Anderson, a daughter of P. A. Anderson, and they had two children, Gladys and Grant; Mrs. Ohland passed away on the 14th of August, 1906, and he afterward married Miss Isabella Seibel, a daughter of George Seibel of Marshalltown, Iowa, and they have one child, Bernhard; Rose, the eldest daughter, married Harry Reimers, a farmer of Sheridan township and has one child, Harley; Anna and Henry, the youngest members of the family are living on the old homestead.

While residing in Germany Mr. and Mrs. Ohland attended the Lutheran church. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias of Malcom. He was a democrat but believed in the gold standard, and always took a deep interest in all political activities, having served as justice of the peace in Sheridan township for two terms, while for many years he was a member of the board of school directors in district No. 6, Sheridan township. Mr. Ohland came to Poweshiek county with very limited means, but possessed an abundance of energy and determination, which qualities were very instrumental in winning him the fair measure of success he enjoyed.

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#### HUGH McCCLURE.

An excellent farm located in Malcom township pays tribute to the care and industry of Hugh McClure, who is numbered among Iowa's native sons, his birth having occurred in Scott county on the 9th of June, 1856. His parents were James and Mary (Corrough) McClure, both natives of Ireland, and he is the second in order of birth in a family of seven sons and three daughters. He spent the period of his boyhood and youth in his native county and had already attained man's estate ere coming with his parents to Poweshiek county in 1878. Agricultural pursuits have characterized his efforts throughout his active life, and he became an independent farmer when, about eight years ago, he purchased a farm of his own, consisting of two hundred and forty acres located on section 35, Malcom township. This is a well improved property, for Mr. McClure has employed the latest methods of tilling the soil, practices rotation of crops, and uses modern

implements for facilitating farm labor. He engages in both general farming and stock-raising and is meeting the substantial success which his efforts well merit.

On the 9th of June, 1909, Mr. McClure was united in marriage to Miss Nola Stilwell, a native of Grinnell, Iowa, where her birth occurred on the 1st of April, 1887. Later she spent thirteen years at Chariton, Lucas county, Iowa, and was graduated from the high school of that city in 1906. Her parents were Edwin and Edith (Goodrich) Stilwell, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Scott county, this state. Mrs. Stilwell came to Poweshiek county in early childhood with her parents, who were among the pioneers of this district. Mr. and Mrs. McClure are the parents of one daughter, Margaret Laila, her birth occurring on the 3d of November, 1910.

The religious faith of Mr. McClure is that of the Presbyterian church, while in politics he gives stanch allegiance to the republican party. He is a worthy representative of our best type of American manhood, endowed by nature with admirable qualities and commands uniform respect and good will wherever he is known.

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#### WILLIAM H. SHOWALTER.

William H. Showalter, one of the representative, substantial and progressive agriculturists of Warren township, owns a fine farm of two hundred acres on section 22. His birth occurred in Rockingham county, Virginia, on the 20th of March, 1846, his parents being Michael and Millie (Spicer) Showalter, who were likewise natives of that county. The father was of German descent, while the mother came of English ancestry and belonged to one of the first families of Virginia. Michael Showalter, who was an agriculturist by occupation, spent his entire life in the Old Dominion, passing away in 1904 at the ripe old age of ninety-four years. His wife died about 1895, her demise occurring at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Joseph Niswander, in Warren township, Poweshiek county, Iowa.

William H. Showalter remained under the parental roof until he had attained the age of sixteen years and then entered the army in defense of his loved southland, joining Company C, Eleventh Virginia Cavalry, at Edinburg, Virginia, in March, 1863. He remained at the front for two years and participated in the battles of Gettysburg, Brandy Station, the Wilderness and a number of other conflicts. During one of the engagements he was severely injured by a fall from his horse. After the surrender of Lee he returned home and then came west, first settling in Illinois, where he worked as a farm hand for one year. Subsequently he spent a similar period in Missouri and next made his home in Kansas for three years. On the expiration of that period he returned to Virginia, where he remained for two years and then removed to Colorado, where for three years he rode the range. He then again spent three years in Virginia and in 1878 came to Poweshiek county, Iowa, locating at Carnforth, Warren township, where he purchased the farm of two hundred acres which has since remained in his possession. In connection with the production of cereals he also feeds hogs to some extent, both branches of his business



returning to him a gratifying annual income. His farm is well improved in every particular and in its neat and thrifty appearance gives evidence of the supervision of a practical and progressive owner. Mr. Showalter also has a substantial and attractive home in Carnforth and is widely recognized as one of the prosperous and esteemed residents of the community.

On the 20th of September, 1897, Mr. Showalter was united in marriage to Mrs. Emma Ratcliff Ringler, a native of Marengo, Iowa, and a daughter of Martamore and Mary Ann (Griffen) Ratcliff, who were likewise born in this state and spent their entire lives within its borders. Mr. Ratcliff, who followed farming throughout his active business career, passed away at Marengo in 1902, while the demise of his wife occurred at Grinnell in 1908. Mrs. Showalter had two sons by her first marriage, namely: Frank Ringler, who is employed by the Northwestern Railway as telegraph operator at South Iowa Junction, Iowa; and Harry Ringler, who lives on the home farm with his mother and stepfather.

Mr. Showalter is a Jeffersonian democrat politically and was a great admirer of the late lamented President Cleveland. He is now serving his second term as township trustee of Warren township and previously held the office for six consecutive years. His wife is a devoted and consistent member of the Congregational church at Carnforth. He has won a circle of friends which is almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintances, and his salient characteristics are such as have gained for him the unqualified respect, esteem and good will of his fellowmen.

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### ABSALOM MILLER.

Absalom Miller, a well known farmer and stock-raiser of Poweshiek county, now deceased, was born in Rockingham county, Virginia, on the 31st of January, 1835. He was one of a family of thirteen children, nine sons and four daughters, born unto John and Rebecca (Shaw) Miller, both natives of the Old Dominion, where the mother passed away at the age of sixty-eight years. The father later came to Iowa with one of his sons and here his death occurred when he had reached his seventy-fifth year.

Absalom Miller spent his early life on the old Virginia homestead, assisting his father in the work of the farm until he attained his majority, when he heeded the call of the west and removed to Indiana, locating in Delaware county. There he was married and remained until 1870, when he resolved to seek a home west of the Mississippi and consequently came to Poweshiek county, Iowa, purchasing a farm in Warren township, not far from Brooklyn. There he carried on general farming for a number of years and also engaged extensively in stock-raising, making a specialty of high grade horses, cattle and hogs. He was the owner of one hundred and sixty acres in his home place, all well developed and under a high state of cultivation. He also bought and sold a number of farms as a matter of investment and in the conduct of his various interests displayed a keen business sagacity and wise management that found their logical

reward in the acquirement of a substantial and enviable success. He continued to devote his time and energies to agricultural pursuits until about two years prior to his death, when he retired from the active work of the farm and sought a home in Brooklyn. Here he resided until his demise, which occurred July 29, 1895.

On the 26th of August, 1855, Mr. Miller was united in marriage to Miss Mary D. McKimmey, who was born in Delaware county, Indiana, on the 2d of October, 1837, and there resided until 1870, when she came to Iowa. She is a daughter of Jesse and Anna Eliza (Tomlinson) McKimmey, natives of North Carolina. Both passed away in Delaware county, Indiana, the mother when Mrs. Miller was but two years of age. The father later married again and lived to a ripe old age. Mrs. Miller was the youngest of three daughters born unto the first union, while by the second marriage of Mr. McKimmey there were two daughters.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Miller were born ten children, as follows: John L., of Carlisle, South Dakota; Sarah Ann, who married John Warner and died when twenty-seven years of age, leaving two children; Margaret, the wife of William Polk, of Warren township; William Henry, who passed away in Indiana at the age of nine months; Rebecca C., the wife of Lon Forbes, of Hudson, Iowa; Elizabeth, who married William Torrence, also of Warren township; Lydia May, the wife of A. W. Rhinehart, of that township; Jessie, who wedded James A. Childs, a farmer of Bear Creek township; Eliza, who married S. D. Sandy, of Jefferson township; and Charles, who died at the age of four months. All of the children were born in Delaware county, Indiana, with the exception of the three youngest, who were born in Poweshiek county, Iowa.

The religious faith of Mr. Miller was that of the German Baptist Brethren church. He gave his political support to the Democratic party although he never aspired to public office, and at all times was found to be a loyal and public-spirited citizen. His life was an exemplary one in all respects and he enjoyed the respect, confidence and good will of all with whom he came in contact.

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#### ROBERT MILLER HAINES.

The consensus of public opinion ever placed Robert Miller Haines in a foremost position as a representative of the Poweshiek county bar, and indeed of the bar of Iowa, as a champion of education and a friend of moral progress. He was one of the thinking men of the age. The great problems bearing upon the sociological, political and economic conditions were to him matters of intense interest and along those lines he thought deeply and broadly. There was nothing limited, narrow or contracted in his nature, and while men may have disagreed with him in opinion or in matters of policy, they ever respected him for the honesty and vigor of his convictions and his fidelity to the right as he saw it. It is imperative, therefore, that his life record be given place in this history. A farm near Salem, Ohio, was his birthplace and his natal day was December 29, 1838. His youth was passed amid rural surroundings with the usual ex-



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periences of a country boy, his educational opportunities being those afforded by the district schools although after attaining his eighteenth year he spent a brief period in a school of higher grade in Richmond, Indiana. But his native intelligence sought a broader outlet and he eagerly availed himself of the opportunity of pursuing a course in Iowa College, which he entered in 1860 and from which he was graduated in 1865 with the first class after the removal of the college to Grinnell. He was a very poor boy, working his way through school by teaching in college and working during vacations, but the life, though strenuous, developed in him a self-reliant spirit and strong manhood that constituted the foundation of his later success. His college course was interrupted in 1864 when almost every member of his class joined the Union army. Mr. Haines had been reared in the faith of the Society of Friends and as war was contrary to the teachings of his religion he did not enlist but gave needed aid to the boys in blue by serving them as a nurse, and when their three months' term of enlistment had expired he became a member of the Christian commission, serving with that organization in St. Louis, Missouri, but returned to Grinnell in time to graduate with his class. He then spent four years in tutoring, teaching for two years in the Troy Academy of Davis county, Iowa, and afterward for two years in Iowa College. It was his desire, however, to become a member of the bar and, entering the law school of the State University of Iowa, he mastered the regular course and was graduated in 1874. In the meantime he had taught school for a period in Grinnell and had also entered upon the practice of law, having been admitted to the bar before finishing his law course. He began practice in partnership with Edward Pruyn, of Grinnell, the association being maintained until June, 1871, when he was joined by Jacob P. Lyman in a partnership, under the name of Haines & Lyman, that was continued until his death on the 22d of December, 1902. In the thirty years of his law practice, while devoted to his client's interests, he never forgot that there were certain things due to the court, to his own self-respect and above all to justice and the righteous administration of the law which neither the zeal of an advocate nor the pleasure of success would permit him to disregard. The firm was connected with the most important litigation tried in the courts of the district and Mr. Haines possessed in large measure all of the qualities that mark a strong and able lawyer. He possessed a wonderful memory and a great faculty for details, was an untiring worker and did thoroughly and well everything that he undertook. At the time of his death one of the local papers said: "No trust reposed in him, financial or otherwise, was ever betrayed. No poor widow ever paid him fees and many poor men, in sickness and in poverty, and many poor young men, struggling through college, have appreciated his kindly help. No lawyer ever asked Haines to put a stipulation in writing. None ever accused him of violating his word. When he was victorious in the higher courts he was delighted, and liked to talk about it, but it was because he felt that he had put the legal propositions in such a way that defeat was impossible. On the other hand, in defeat, he always met his opponent with a friendly hand and smiling face, without rancor or ill feeling. He never retaliated. Often, when complaining of unfair advantage, it has been suggested that he might get even, invariably he would reply: 'No, I do not practice law that way.' The

philosophy of David Harum had no response in Haines' soul. During his long and busy professional career he has had charge of many important cases, not cases involving millions but cases involving intricate legal propositions and requiring profound study. Cases which, if advertised and heralded and talked about, as similar cases are that are tried in the great cities, would have made him a much talked of lawyer."

Mr. Haines was in no sense a political leader and yet there have been few men in Iowa so thoroughly versed concerning the important questions and issues of the day. His reasoning was too deep and his research too wide in its scope to win the following of the artificial thinker who delves little below the surface of things. There were times, however, when his fellow townsmen gave expression of their faith in his political insight and integrity. In the fall of 1877 he was elected to the state senate and served his district with distinction during the sessions of 1878 and 1880. He took up the study of finance, taxation and tariff and manifested therein the same thoroughness and mastery of details that marked his work in connection with the courts. He is said to have been one of the closest and most convincing talkers of the rostrum. He alienated some of his political supporters by his strenuous opposition to the amendment to the constitution prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors. He was himself a strong temperance man in principle and practice and a life-long prohibitionist, but maintained that the organic law of the land was no place for a police regulation and that it was futile. As a lawyer he could not tolerate such trifling with the constitution and as a law maker he knew that it would be absolutely unavailing. In the memorable tariff campaigns he followed the dictates of his conscience and judgment and was an active opponent of protection. He believed firmly in civil service reform. He cared little himself for political honors but the majority of political leaders were men of too slight mental caliber to see the reach of his own thought and purpose.

Mr. Haines was married on the 19th of August, 1867, to Miss Joanna Hannah Harris, who had taught with him in Troy Academy and Iowa College. They became the parents of six children. The sons are: Dr. J. H. Haines, practicing medicine at Stillwater, Minnesota; R. M. Haines, Jr., a lawyer of Grinnell; C. H. Haines, also an attorney; and A. P. Haines. The daughters are: Mrs. F. I. Herriott, of Des Moines; and Mrs. W. G. Ray, of Grinnell. All of these children are graduates of the college that conferred on their father his A. B. and A. M. degrees. Mr. Haines was most devoted in his attachment to his home and family and in relations of that character no man was happier. It has been said: "His life was orderly and upright and clean as it falls to the lot of man to be. He was opposed to men's clubs because they took men from home. He enjoyed social intercourse only when he could converse. Games and innocent fun that rest tired men did not appeal to him. This was his misfortune and his comparatively few years is due to the intense way in which he lived and worked. His early Puritan training and the necessary self-denial of his early life made him somewhat intolerant of men whose lives were not ordered his way. He was a strong advocate of athletics but only because he believed it developed the physical man. Outside of his home and family his great love was for Iowa College, next the church and then the upbuilding of the town." His

faithfulness and usefulness as a trustee of Iowa College has been exceeded by no other. He was alumni trustee of the college from 1881 until 1887 inclusive and permanent trustee from that time until his death. He served as chairman of the finance and a number of other committees of the college and was active in the management of the institution through the last twenty years of his life. The public schools of his home town found him an equally strong advocate and supporter and he gave of the best of his experience to the work of the school board of which he was a member, introducing clean, clear and direct business methods for the benefit of the schools. College students found in him a friend to whom they could go freely for advice, counsel or assistance and he was ever a champion of the interests of the boys and girls. His church relationship was with the Congregational denomination of which he and his wife were long faithful, active and helpful members, never missing an important church service and at all times upholding the hands of their pastor. His honesty was proverbial and he never incurred a debt that he did not pay promptly at maturity.

The death of Mr. Haines occurred on the 22d of December, 1902. He was at the time President of the Iowa State Bar Association, his election thereto being an honor which he greatly appreciated. At his demise the Poweshiek County bar called a meeting and prepared a memorial in which many of his professional brethren bore testimony to his life and work. Judge Lewis said: "Life to him was a serious business—too much so. I have no doubt if he could have gone more into lines and lanes beyond the sound and stress of business and wandered and played until the sore spots made by life's loads were rested numbers would have been added to the days of his life. But this seems to have been impossible for him and whilst he had a warm social side for all his friends and was not austere with others, not intentionally so, he was a serious man. When he did turn aside from what he regarded as the real duties of life he was as genial as light, indulging in pleasantries with his friends in the most delightful vein. His fault was that all this had, at once, to yield to business; even in his more playful moods he was prone to make it his business to learn or to teach. He had a pride in his ability to grasp, understand, make plain the problems involved in living; problems of state; problems of money; and he was justified in this. Some of the most devoted, earnest, exhausting work he ever did was in his effort to solve some of these and to fit and furnish himself to make the solution plain to others. He may not in all these have been just right, but he was always ready to try to make you believe he was, not merely for the sake of the performance but for the sake of the right. He taught nothing but what he believed. He was, again, proud that his word was as good as his bond; that those who had tested him so accepted it. The point in his life was not to promise unless he could perform, but if promise he did, to perform over and against every adversity. He always did this. He had ever so much delight in his achievements of good and success, with his ability to discharge any duty that came to him, to try his cause well, to hold his own in repartee and any contest. He was an able, learned lawyer and a good practitioner."

Paul G. Norris said: "We all know that he was a kind and indulgent man and an acute lawyer, but I think the qualities of his character that appeal more



strongly to us were his sincerity and the strength of his moral character. Even in a casual conversation anyone would at once remark the evident sincerity of the man in everything that he did or said. From even a casual acquaintance with him one must feel the strength of his moral character."

From these opinions there was no dissenting voice or thought. D. W. Norris said: "Mr. Haines was a man concerning whom we may say, I think, that it rather dishonors any of us not to respect him. That does not mean that we should agree with him; far from it. But I do not know that I have ever had dealings with a man for whose moral integrity I have had a higher regard. I believe he meant to do absolutely right as he saw it. That he did not always see it as some of the rest of us did is neither here nor there. He may have been right and we may have been right; that matter is entirely irrelevant to the main issue which is whether a man is true to the light that is in him. Personally I do not believe that I had a more loyal friend in Grinnell or on the board of trustees of Iowa College than Mr. Haines. And this again was not because he agreed with me; many times he sharply differed but he 'stood by' and that's the main thing. This is the keynote of Mr. Haines' character. He never flinched from any duty and never for a moment turned his back to a foe."

The bar of Poweshiek county has greatly missed Mr. Haines since he was called from this life. His was an example of high professional honor. "His was a strong personality—physically powerful and vigorous, mentally alert, his thought was characterized by clearness, his speech by incisiveness and forcefulness." Such was the tribute which J. H. Patten paid to his colleague, adding: "He commanded respect not so much by his manner as his apparent candor and intellectual power. Right or wrong, he was invariably credited with believing he was right and his arguments to the court on law questions and marshaling a formidable array of facts before a jury commanded the undivided attention of bench and bar. Others have spoken of him as a husband, father, neighbor, scholar and christian gentleman, and in all these capacities he has been worthily assigned an exalted place." Another thus bore testimony to his generosity, "which was freely extended to all who came in contact with him, for he had accumulated a vast wealth of diversified knowledge which he was ever ready and willing to impart to the most humble applicant. He had the faculty of presenting his thoughts in such a clear and forceful manner that the dullest mind could fully comprehend them. He was continually called upon by the students of the college in the town in which he resided to furnish them facts and information upon different subjects, which it would be difficult or impossible for them to obtain elsewhere, and although his life was necessarily a very busy one, yet every appeal for assistance from these young men received the same attention and consideration that he would have given them if they had consulted him as clients in regard to an important case from which he could reasonably have expected to receive a large fee, and I think I am warranted in saying that many hours of his life were devoted to this kind of benevolent work, which most men of his marked ability and abundant resources would have given to the pursuit of worldly gain. Such a man indeed is a useful citizen and rarely found in these days where selfishness is personified on every hand, and by his death the society in which he mingled has suffered an irreparable loss." Perhaps this



brief history cannot better be closed than in the words of Judge Scott: "Robert Haines was a conscientious, truthful man, a conscientious, truthful, faithful attorney, a true father, a kind, indulgent and loving husband, a consistent Christian gentleman, and those who knew him best knew that he was ever ready to respond to calls of charity. He came very nearly reaching the topmost round of the ladder which leads to perfection, and yet to say of him that he was perfect would be untrue, and being untrue, he himself would resent such praise if he were here. Perfection has never been attained in this world but by one man and that man Mr. Haines took as his example and his standard and came nearer following His teachings than the majority of us do. In fact he followed those teachings so consistently that he was marked among men. It might be truly said of him, and his epitaph might well be written in the words: 'Here lies a truthful man; a man who always spoke the truth, a man who ever lived the truth.'"

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### FRED C. WATSON.

Fred C. Watson, whose pleasant homestead in Sugar Creek township bespeaks capable supervision and skill, was born in the township where he now resides on the 28th of June, 1872, a son of Simon and Susan (Beeler) Watson. The father was born in Greene county, Indiana, on the 10th of March, 1826, and the mother in Poweshiek county, Iowa. In his early manhood Simon Watson migrated to Iowa, locating in Sugar Creek township, Poweshiek county, where he bought a farm which he cultivated until his demise on the 4th of April, 1908. Mrs. Watson still survives and continues to make her home in Sugar Creek township. In matters politic Mr. Watson's views accorded with those of the democracy, for whose candidates he cast his ballot. Their family numbered seven, the order of birth being as follows: Annie, the wife of S. P. Tish, of Sugar Creek township; Belle, who married J. S. Rivers, of Washington township, Poweshiek county; George, who is a resident of Marshalltown, Iowa; Walter, who is deceased; Fred C., our subject; Winslow, also deceased; and Elmer, now living in Union township, Poweshiek county.

The district schools in the vicinity of his home provided Fred C. Watson with an education, while at the same time he was becoming acquainted with the best methods of tilling the fields by assisting his father with the work of the farm. He remained under the parental roof until he was twenty-four years of age, at which time he purchased his present place containing eighty acres of fine farming land. During the period of his occupancy Mr. Watson has wrought extensive improvements in his property, having erected some fine buildings, while at the same time he has effected some minor changes which have greatly added to the general appearance of the place. Here he follows general and stock farming and under his intelligent and capable direction both are proving very satisfactory from a financial point of view.

On the 13th of December, 1896, Mr. Watson was united in marriage to Miss Martha Pratt, a daughter of Alva and Mary (Fisher) Pratt, whose birth occurred in Pleasant township on the 23d of July, 1875. Mr. Pratt is a native

of Peacham, Vermont, his natal day being the 14th of July, 1844, while Mrs. Pratt was born in New York city on the 3d of August, 1849. He removed to Illinois with his parents during his childhood and there he was educated and resided until 1871. In the latter year he came to Poweshiek county, purchasing a farm in Pleasant township, which he cultivated until his retirement. He is now living retired in Searsboro, having acquired the means to enable him to spend life's evening in ease and comfort, free from the care and responsibility of earlier years. He is a member of the Modern Brotherhood of America. Mrs. Pratt passed away June 22, 1911.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Watson have been born eight children, the order of their birth being as follows: Roy, who was born on the 8th of January, 1898; Ethel, born on the 3d of August, 1899; Leo, born on the 22d of March, 1901; Alvah, born on the 18th of February, 1903; Lewis, born on the 28th of February, 1905; Robey, born on the 17th of August, 1906; Joseph, born on the 9th of December, 1907; and Alice, born on the 12th of June, 1909.

Ever since attaining his majority his political support Mr. Watson has always accorded the candidates of the democratic party, but he has not been an office seeker. Enterprising and progressive in his methods of pursuing his vocation Mr. Watson is meeting with increasing success in his undertakings, and is recognized as one of the prosperous agriculturists of his township.

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### JOHN EICHHORN.

John Eichhorn is a progressive and enterprising farmer of Poweshiek county, owning three hundred and fourteen acres in Pleasant township, one hundred and sixty acres of which are in the home place on section 12. He is a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and was born June 26, 1862, a son of Martin and Louise (Ploom) Eichhorn, both natives of Germany. They came to the United States in early life, their marriage being celebrated in Philadelphia. In 1866 the father removed westward with his family, locating in Johnson county, Iowa, where the mother died in 1875. Two years later, in 1877, the father came with his family to Poweshiek county, and located north of Malcom, where he was engaged in farming for four years. He then located near Grinnell, where he passed away in 1887, at the age of sixty-five years. Their family numbered ten children but only five of the number are now living, three having died in infancy, while the other two reached years of maturity.

John Eichhorn spent his boyhood and youth in the home of his parents, accompanying them on their various removals until the time of his marriage. He has worked earnestly and persistently since starting out in business on his own account and the result of his labor is seen in the fact that he today owns three hundred and fourteen acres of valuable Iowa land, located in Pleasant township, this being divided into two farms. His home farm comprises one hundred and sixty acres, located on section 12. Mr. Eichhorn in 1904 erected a modern twelve-room house thereon, supplied with all conveniences and accessories of a city property. He also erected good farm buildings, while an

ample supply of water is conducted through pipes for farm and household use. He raises stock on quite an extensive scale, shipping four and five car-loads annually. In addition to his farm property he is a stockholder in the Malcom Savings Bank and is also serving as a director in that institution. He is also a stockholder in the Poweshiek County Central Agricultural Association and the Malcom Garage Company, and is president of the latter. It will thus be seen that he finds time to give to various public interests that have proved beneficial to the community.

Mr. Eichhorn was married January 1, 1884, to Miss Julia A. Goodrich, who was born in Scott county, Iowa, February 3, 1867, a daughter of O. D. Goodrich, who makes his home with our subject and his wife. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Eichhorn have been born four children: Lilly Bell, who died in infancy; H. D., a resident of Pleasant township; and G. L. and G. E., at home.

Mr. Eichhorn gives his political support to the republican party and since January 1, 1911, has served as trustee of his township. In 1888 he joined Lodge No. 369, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Malcom, and is likewise a member of the Rebekah lodge. His success in life is well merited for he has ever followed honorable methods in carrying on his business and is as well loyal to his obligations as a citizen.

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#### EMANUEL A. KING.

Through the improvement of the opportunities which Iowa offers in agricultural lines Emanuel A. King has become one of the substantial citizens of Poweshiek county. He was born in Seneca county, Ohio, December 25, 1860, a son of Philip and Mary (Cromwell) King. His father, who is descended from Irish lineage, was born in county Limerick, and was but six months old when brought from Ireland to this country by his parents, who first located in Ohio and later took up their abode in Marengo, Iowa. Upon attaining man's estate he took up farming as a life work and was thus engaged until the time of his death, which occurred at Marengo in the winter of 1910, when he had reached the age of sixty-nine years. His wife, who was born in Ohio, of English parentage, still survives him and makes her home with her two sons, Joseph and John King, extensive farmers of South Dakota, where they are engaged in operating rented farms.

In the public schools of Marengo, Iowa, Emanuel A. King acquired a good practical education, passing through the consecutive grades until his graduation from the high school. He remained under the parental roof until attaining his majority, after which he crossed the threshold of the business world as a farm hand, being employed by the month for three years. He was then married, immediately after which he began farming independently on a rented farm of eighty acres three miles north of Victor. There he remained for one year, next removing to a farm of one hundred and sixty acres six miles south of Victor, in Lincoln township, Iowa county, which he also operated for a time as renter. He next purchased a hundred and twenty acre tract in Benton

county, Iowa, upon which he resided for three years. Disposing of this he later bought his present farm of one hundred and twenty acres, located on section 20, Bear Creek township, Poweshiek county, which has remained his home for the past seven years. This farm, consisting of rich rolling land, has been highly developed since coming into his possession, its value being greatly enhanced by the many modern improvements which have been introduced by Mr. King. He is an extensive producer of grain, and annually his fields yield abundant harvests in return for the care and labor bestowed upon them.

On the 26th of September, 1893, Mr. King was united in marriage to Miss Ada J. Bower, a daughter of Jabez and Mary (Springer) Bower. The father was born in Canada, of English parentage, while the mother is American born, her birth occurring in Iowa. They now reside on a farm south of Watkins, in Benton county, Iowa, where Mr. Bowers is now living retired, receiving good rental for his farm lands. Unto Mr. and Mrs. King have been born three children, but only one is now living. William Albert, the eldest, passed away when three months old; Leo, the youngest, died at the age of three months; the daughter, Florence Esther, aged sixteen years, is now attending the high school at Malcom and makes her home with her parents.

The parents are members of the Presbyterian church of Blairstown, Iowa, and Mr. King is well known in fraternal circles, holding membership in the Knights of Pythias lodge of Malcom, the Modern Woodmen of America, also at Malcom, and with the Bankers' Life Association of Des Moines, Iowa. Early in life he became interested in the politics of the country, and, forming his own opinions and rules of conduct, has given his support to the republican party. He has ever been a worker for the best interests of Bear Creek township. Since he came to Poweshiek county his acquaintance has continually broadened. Those who meet him in business and social relations find him a man whose friendship is worthy to be cherished and whose business integrity and enterprise call for emulation.

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#### FRANCIS ASBURY KILBURN.

Francis Asbury Kilburn was one of the most prominent and successful merchants of the county in his time. He was born in Gilsum, New Hampshire, February 21, 1820, and there received a part of his education. He was the second son of Ildo and Abigail Kilburn. The father died in Gilsum, New Hampshire, at the age of eighty and the mother in Vermont at the age of ninety-two. When nineteen years of age our subject went to Vermont and attended school for a time, after which he engaged in teaching and farming. This he continued until October, 1851, when he came to Montezuma, then a village of six log houses, the frame of a house being built and a courthouse (a frame structure) on the southeast corner of the square, one room below and three offices above. The court room was the only available place, so for a time that was their home. Later a frame house was completed on the north side of the square, into which they moved. In February, 1852, Mr. Kilburn drove to Keokuk, that being the nearest





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railroad point or place where goods could be bought, and purchased merchandise. On the way home he sold a part of the load. With what was left his wife "set up storekeeping" in one corner of the court room, which served as a living room, kitchen, bedroom and store, partitioned with curtains. He returned for another load and sold what he could on the way home, leaving more goods at home each trip until as the town and business increased he was needed in the work at home. But the four or six horse wagon was a familiar sight for a good many years or until the Grinnell & Montezuma Railroad reached here in 1875. From this beginning he and his wife built up a successful business. He was also a landowner and bought and sold hogs and other live stock.

Mr. Kilburn was twice married. On the 14th of June, 1841, in Hartford, Vermont, he wedded Miss Sarah Chandler, who was an estimable woman, one loved and respected by all. She was a good mother, a consistent Christian and a splendid business woman. She was always ready to help those who needed help and seemed to know just the best way to do those things. She died February 25, 1870, leaving three children. Mary H., whose birth occurred on the 1st of May, 1842, gave her hand in marriage to W. A. Moody and had three children: Frank, Elmer and Charles. Abigail S., whose natal day was November 22, 1846, wedded Dr. J. C. Tribbet, by whom she had two children: one who died in infancy; and Nellie F., living in Montezuma, who is the wife of Dr. D. B. High and the mother of two children, Helen F. and Harlan T. Sarah, who was born on the 9th of October, 1850, married Hon. Judge L. C. Blanchard and passed away on the 19th of February, 1878, leaving two children, Rose and Claude. Rose Blanchard became the wife of Dr. B. O. Jerrel, of Oskaloosa, by whom she now has two children, Louise and Burton. On the 2d of February, 1871, Mr. Kilburn was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Mary F. Ferry, by whom he had one child, Effian F., whose birth occurred on the 2d of June, 1873.

On account of ill health Mr. Kilburn retired from active business in 1884, his home being yet in Montezuma. When he was well he often called Montezuma the "garden spot of the world." His demise occurred on the 16th of May, 1896. He donated the ground where now stands the Methodist Episcopal church and parsonage. For many years his home, store and warehouses occupied the ground where the church now stands. The buildings were destroyed by fire a few years after he moved from them.

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### J. W. FRIZZELL.

Bear Creek township, Poweshiek county, numbers among its native sons many substantial and progressive farmers and stock-raisers who through their own efforts and industry are meeting with gratifying success.

This number includes J. W. Frizzell, whose birth occurred on the 19th of January, 1865. The family which he represents were numbered among the early settlers of this district, his grandparents, Absalom and Harriett (Merri-man) Frizzell, being pioneers of Poweshiek county. Absalom Frizzell was born,

reared and married in Maryland, later removing to Ohio, and thence came to Poweshiek county, Iowa, when this was yet a frontier district. In 1851 he purchased school land from the state, consisting of a half of section 16 and eighty acres of section 14, Bear Creek township, and in the fall of the following year took up his abode on that property, there residing throughout the remainder of his life. He passed away in 1885, at the venerable age of eighty-four years, his birth having occurred in the year 1801. In his family were four daughters and three sons, the daughters being Rachel, Ann, Elizabeth and Martha, all of whom lived to maturity and were married, the two eldest being now deceased. The sons are: Thomas, the father of our subject; James, of Washington; and John, of Boone, Iowa.

Thomas Frizzell was born in Maryland on the 15th of November, 1835, and when sixteen years of age came with his parents to Poweshiek county, where his remaining years were spent. He was a farmer by occupation and his efforts in that direction were most successful, becoming the owner of nine hundred acres of land in Poweshiek county, two hundred acres in Calhoun county, Iowa, and tracts in Dakota and Colorado. He engaged extensively in horse-raising, making a specialty of draft horses, and had many excellent specimens of that variety on his place. In the early days before the advent of the railroad he and his father had both earned their living by driving teams between Davenport and Omaha. He went to Rockford, Illinois, to buy his first breaking plow and helped to move the stock for the first store in Brooklyn. He married Miss Margaret Buchanan, who was born in Ohio in September, 1833, and came to Poweshiek county with her parents in the latter part of the '50s. She was a daughter of William and Isabelle Buchanan, both of whom passed away in this county. Her father, who was a farmer by occupation, died in 1880 at the age of eighty-two years. Thomas Frizzell passed away in May, 1905, having long survived his wife, whose death occurred on the 17th of February, 1894. In their family were four children, of whom J. W., of this review, is the eldest. The others are as follows: Harriett, the wife of G. S. Maguire, of Calhoun county; Ada, who married G. W. Murrison, of Brooklyn; and Ella, the wife of J. W. Silcott, also of Brooklyn.

J. W. Frizzell has spent his entire life within the borders of Bear Creek township and here acquired his education. He took up agricultural pursuits as a life work upon attaining his majority, and the wisdom of his choice has since been manifest in the gratifying success which has come to him. His present farm, which consists of two hundred and forty acres of land on section 16, is a portion of the land purchased by his grandfather upon his arrival in Poweshiek county. It lies along the river and river road, about two miles west of Brooklyn, and is a valuable property, all of the improvements thereon having been introduced by Mr. Frizzell. Aside from general farming pursuits he engages in stock-raising, being a breeder of Shire horses, shorthorn cattle and Chester White hogs. He now has on his place about fifty head of cattle, fifteen head of horses and one hundred head of hogs, all of high grade, and his efforts both as a farmer and stock-raiser have been most resultant.

Mr. Frizzell was married, in 1892, to Miss June Sleggle, who was born in Bear Creek township on the 3d of February, 1871, a daughter of D. C. Sleggle.



Unto this union have been born four children, as follows: Wayne, Lee, Helen, and Ruth. Mr. Frizzell is connected fraternally with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having passed through all of the chairs, and in politics is a stalwart democrat. He is now serving his second term as township trustee and in this respect the public has had little need to regret their choice of a representative, for he has ever been guided by the highest and most public-spirited motives, seeking at all times the good of the community at large.

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### WILLIAM E. HAKEMAN.

For many years William E. Hakeman was actively engaged in farming in Poweshiek county. His former labor has brought him the success that now enables him to live retired in Hartwick, his income being derived from his invested interests.

He was born in Cayuga county, New York, May 26, 1849, a son of Isaac and Elizabeth (Thompson) Hakeman, whose family numbered five children. The parents were both natives of England and in that country the father was a truck farmer but in the latter '40s he emigrated to America, settling in New York, where he engaged in general farming. He later journeyed toward the west, settling on a farm in Ashtabula county, Ohio, where he remained until 1855, and on the 28th of May of that year removed to Cedar county, Iowa. He remained in that section of the state until 1867, when he again made a change in his location, this time coming to Poweshiek county, which continued to be his home until the time of his death in 1877. His wife preceded him to the grave, her death having occurred here in 1869. Mr. Hakeman was a republican in his political views and in religious faith was a Methodist. Three of his sons enlisted in 1862 for service in the Civil war, becoming members of Company C, Twenty-fourth Iowa Infantry, which they joined at Tipton, in Cedar county. James was wounded in the battle of Champion's Hill and was taken to a hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, where his death occurred. He had served three years and three months in defense of the Union cause.

William E. Hakeman, whose name introduces this review, accompanied his parents on their various removals and was a youth of eighteen years of age at the time of the family removal to Poweshiek county. He was but twenty years of age when, in 1869, he began farming on his own account, operating a tract of eighty acres, located in Jefferson township. For many years he worked earnestly and persistently in the hope that he might some day become a prosperous man, and that his hope was fully realized is indicated in the fact that by adding to his possessions from time to time he became the owner of eight hundred acres of land, all in Poweshiek county. He has since sold off much of this, however, but still retains possession of three hundred and twenty acres, and from this he derives an income that has enabled him to put aside active business cares, for he is now living retired in the village of Hartwick. Since the Bank of Hartwick was organized, in 1902, he has been a stockholder and director of that institution, and he has likewise been interested in the Farmers

Savings Bank of Victor for the past twenty years. He possesses sound business judgment and is ever alert for opportunities that tend toward advancement and in this manner he has made his way to the front rank, being today classed among the well-to-do citizens of this section of the state.

Mr. Hakeman was married October 30, 1870, to Miss Mary E. Holden, a daughter of Sanford Holden, who was a farmer by occupation but is now deceased. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hakeman have been born seven daughters and two sons, namely: Oscar, who is in Hartwick; Edgar, who has been engaged in the lumber business in Hartwick for many years; Eva, the wife of C. Warrick, a farmer of Minnesota, by whom she has three children; Nellie, the wife of James O'Halloran, who operates her father's place, and by whom she has three children; Stella, the wife of Tennie McIlrath, a farmer of Poweshiek county, and the mother of four children; Amy, the wife of Charles Sherwood, who follows farming in Minnesota, and the mother of four children; Jennie, the wife of B. W. Grier, by whom she has one child; Clara, the wife of Thomas Barber, of Carnforth, Iowa, by whom she has one child; and Alma, still under the parental roof.

Mr. Hakeman is a republican in his political views and from 1880 to 1883 served as assessor, while he has also filled the offices of township trustee and school director. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist church. It is fitting that sketches of the distinguished citizens of the county should find a place in this volume, in which connection Mr. Hakeman by the consensus of public opinion is rated. He stands today as a high type of American manhood, who has won success in a useful field of business and gained the respect and honor of his fellowmen by his public service and his private life. He and his estimable wife are living contented and happy lives in a pleasant home in Hartwick, enjoying in retirement the accumulations of profitable and successful careers.

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### JOHN KRIEDEL.

One of the highly successful agriculturists which France has contributed to Poweshiek county is John Kriegel, who owns five hundred and sixty acres of land in Madison township. He is a native of Alsace-Lorraine, which was a province of France at the time of his birth, which occurred on the 11th of November, 1849. His parents were Nicholas and Mary (Coling) Kriegel, also natives of Alsace and of French descent. The father was a farmer, continuing to be identified with that vocation until his demise, which occurred in 1891. The mother, however, had passed away twenty-one years previously.

The education of John Kriegel was acquired in the common schools of his native land, after which he assisted his father in the cultivation of their little farm until he had attained his majority. He enlisted in the French army at the age of twenty years as a substitute, for a consideration of seventeen hundred francs, but before he was able to join his regiment the Germans had entered the country. Not knowing what to do Mr. Kriegel appealed to the commander

of the garrison nearby for advice and was told to return home and remain until ordered to the front to join his company. This he did but never received the summons, and, not desiring to live under German rule, after the close of the war he took passage for America. He believed with his seventeen hundred francs he could make his fortune in the United States, where he had heard that wonderful opportunities awaited energetic and persevering young men.

On the 22d of June, 1871, Mr. Kriegel landed in New York city and after spending two months in that state migrated to Jennings county, Indiana, where he worked on a farm for six months. At the expiration of that period he again set his face westward, this time locating in Champaign county, Illinois, where he remained for six years engaged in farm work. He subsequently came to Poweshiek county, obtaining employment on what is now the Thompson Miller farm in Madison township. At the end of two years he decided to begin for himself and so rented eighty acres, in the cultivation of which he was engaged for a similar period. Soon after his marriage he rented a farm of Jacob Webber, in Madison township, upon which he resided continuously for nine years. In 1893 Mr. Kriegel had acquired sufficient capital to buy two hundred and forty acres on sections 17 and 18 in Madison township, which formed the nucleus of his present homestead. Later he added to his tract another eighty acres located on section 17, and in the spring of 1910 he purchased the John Bard farm, consisting of two hundred and forty acres on section 9, upon which his son Joseph is now residing.

By means of diligence and thrift Mr. Kriegel has become one of the extensive property owners of the township. He has placed good improvements upon his land, every acre of which is fenced and under cultivation, and his homestead has the neat and well-kept appearance which is always associated with thrift and success. Stock-raising has always engrossed a great deal of his attention, and he is an extensive feeder of cattle and hogs, which he ships to the Chicago market, realizing lucrative returns from this venture.

Mr. Kriegel was married on the 6th of January, 1882, to Miss Lizzie Siewert, a daughter of George and Lena (Hoffman) Siewert, both natives of Germany. They emigrated from their native land to America locating in Williamsport, New York, removing from there to Champaign county, Illinois. The father was a farmer, but while residing in New York he worked in the grist mills. Both he and his wife passed away on the homestead, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits in Champaign county, Illinois. Eleven children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Kriegel but only nine attained maturity: George, a farmer in Madison township, this county, who married Miss Mary Mayer and who have two children, Josephine and Margaret; Lizzie, who became the wife of Adam Hauersperger, a farmer of Madison township at that time but now a resident of Jennings county, Indiana, and who have three children, Edward, Margaret and Henry; Joseph, a farmer of Madison township, who married Miss Sadie Clark and who have one son, Leonard; Henry, who is at home assisting his father in the cultivation of the farm; Nicholas, living on his father's farm on section 9, and who married Miss Josephine Roth; the next four, Margaret, John, Annie and Albert, are all at home. Those deceased are as follows: Johnnie, who passed away at the age of two months; and Catharine,

who died on the 15th of April, 1901, at the age of nine months and fifteen days. The wife and mother succumbed to dropsy following the birth of her youngest child, on the 4th of July, 1901.

The family are all communicants of the Roman Catholic church, in the faith of which denomination the parents were reared. Ever since granted the right of suffrage by naturalization Mr. Kriegel has given his political support to the candidates of the democratic party. He never sought public office or political honors, however, although he served as school director in district No. 4 for one term, preferring to devote his undivided attention to the development of his personal interests. Although he met with hardship and misfortune during the early years of his residence in the country Mr. Kriegel's tireless energy and indomitable purpose enabled him to overcome all obstacles and attain the success to which he aspired.

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### E. J. BENTON.

Agricultural pursuits have characterized the efforts of E. J. Benton throughout his business career, and he is meeting with most satisfactory results in his undertakings.

Born in Scott county, Iowa, on the 16th of December, 1859, he is a son of William and Lavina (Moorehead) Benton, the former's birth occurring in England in 1795 and the latter's in Pennsylvania. The parents were married in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, and came to Scott county, Iowa, about 1856. The father there passed away in 1865 and later, in 1866, the mother came with her children to Poweshiek county, locating in Jackson township, where she was residing at the time of her death, in 1892, at the age of sixty-six years.

E. J. Benton was the fifth in order of birth in a family of six sons and three daughters, and was but a young lad when brought by his mother to Poweshiek county, within whose borders he has since continued to make his home. He took up his abode in Malcom township about twelve years ago on a rented farm of eighty acres on section 14, where he carries on general farming according to modern and up-to-date methods. He has made a close study of agriculture and is methodical, systematic and progressive, and close application, unfaltering industry and wise management are proving salient elements in the attainment of a creditable and gratifying success.

In 1882 occurred the marriage of Mr. Benton to Miss Minnie Keysor, who was born in Morrow county, Ohio, in 1861. As an infant she came to this county with her parents, Robert and Elizabeth Keysor, natives of Ohio, both of whom passed away in Poweshiek county. Ten children have been born unto Mr. and Mrs. Benton, namely: Tressie, the wife of Vernon B. Perry, of Wyoming; Jay, at home; Mollie, deceased; Alma, Ada, Guy, Wilma, Delbert, Harold and Xavie, all of whom are still at home.

Mr. Benton holds membership in the Brethren church and fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is now serving as a director of school No.



6, the cause of education finding in him a loyal champion. Public-spirited in his citizenship, he heartily indorses all measures and movements having for their object the public welfare and he is numbered among the county's respected and representative adopted sons.

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### RICHARD M. CAIN.

Energy, perseverance and business ability were salient elements in the active career of Richard M. Cain, and were potent forces in the acquirement of the substantial degree of prosperity which enabled him to retire from agricultural pursuits and enjoy in well earned rest the fruits of his former toil.

He was born near Zanesville, Ohio, August 27, 1827, a son of Daniel and Elizabeth (McClain) Cain, natives of Pennsylvania and Ohio respectively. The parents were both reared in Ohio and were there married and in that state the father passed away. Later the mother came to Poweshiek county, Iowa, and here her death occurred. In their family were seven children, as follows: William, deceased; Richard M.; Harvey, who has also passed away; Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Brague Gray, a resident of California, who has twice been a widow; M. J. Cain, of Brooklyn, who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume; Isaac, deceased; and Sarah Jane, the widow of Louis Nisperly, now residing at Parkersburg, West Virginia.

In Monroe and Belmont counties, Ohio, Richard M. Cain spent the early period of his life, and when only seventeen years of age entered the business world, engaging in the steamboat business on the Ohio, Mississippi and Missouri rivers. He was thus engaged at the time of the inauguration of the Civil war, and, prompted by a spirit of patriotism, enlisted in 1861 at the first call for troops for three months. Although he did not reenlist he was employed throughout almost the entire remainder of the war on the Anglo Saxon, a large stern-wheel river boat in the Union service. He was captured with the rest of the crew and was held a prisoner for about eight months.

After the close of hostilities, in 1866, he came to Poweshiek county, Iowa, and purchased a farm of two hundred acres on section 12, Bear Creek township, about two miles northeast of Brooklyn. For more than a third of a century that remained his home and during the ensuing years he gave his entire time and attention to the development and improvement of his fields, bringing them under a high state of cultivation and enhancing the value of his property through the exercise of practical, progressive methods and good business ability. As the years passed success attended his efforts and, in 1900, he retired from agricultural pursuits and came to Brooklyn where he occupies a comfortable home and is enjoying well merited rest. He still retains the ownership of his farm, however, and since coming to Brooklyn has become the owner of four town dwellings and a tract of five acres which is partially located within the corporation limits of the town.

Mr. Cain was united in marriage, on the 7th of November, 1847, to Miss Mary Foggin, who was born in Ohio in May, 1828, and passed away on the

farm in 1885. Unto this union were born eight children, as follows: Araminta, the wife of J. M. Snyder, of Brooklyn; Clara Hayward, deceased; Owen F., of Oklahoma; Singleton B., also deceased; Samantha, who married Frank Hayward, of Mount Home, Idaho; Isaac, who passed away, leaving a widow; Cassie, the widow of J. H. Johnson, of South Dakota; and Elizabeth, who married Leo L. Torey and is now deceased. On the 10th of March, 1886, Mr. Cain was again married, his second union being to Mrs. Mary A. Hayward, who was born in Jefferson county, Ohio, January 3, 1835, a daughter of William and Mary (Burns) Sprague. She was reared and married in Monroe county, Ohio, to Anthony Hayward, whose death occurred in that county. Mr. and Mrs. Hayward were the parents of three children: Sevilla, deceased; Harvey M., residing with Mr. Cain; and William S., of South Dakota.

Mr. Cain belongs to the Christian church, the teachings of which have ever formed the guiding influences of his life, and for about twenty-five years he has held membership with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is republican in his political views and is public-spirited in his citizenship, although the honors and emoluments of office have never held attraction for him. Although he has long since passed the Psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten, having reached the eighty-fourth milestone on life's journey, he is still in good health and retains a deep interest in the vital questions and issues of the day.

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#### GEORGE L. OSTROM.

Forty-six years have passed since George L. Ostrom located on a farm where Hartwick now stands. He has witnessed a great transformation in Poweshiek county and, as he applied himself with energy and good judgment during his active years, he now enjoys the rewards of his labors, being the owner of two hundred acres of land in this county from which he receives a handsome annual revenue.

He was born in New York state, April 12, 1833, a son of John A. and Ganretta (La Moure) Ostrom, the former of whom was a native of New York state. On the paternal side the ancestry has been traced to the early settlers of New Amsterdam, now New York city, who came from Holland, and on the maternal side the ancestry has been traced to France. The father was by trade a blacksmith. He passed his entire life in his native state and died at the age of eighty-three years, his wife having been called away in 1847. In politics he was a supporter of the whig party. He was a man of many worthy traits and was a consistent member of the Baptist church.

George L. Ostrom received advantages of education in the common school and under his father learned the blacksmith's trade. He worked on the farm and in the shop until he arrived at his majority and then, yielding to an irresistible desire to see the world and to establish a home on his own account, he started toward the great and growing west. In April, 1854, he arrived at Galesburg, Illinois, his total earthly possessions then amounting to ten dollars and sixty-two cents. He soon found work at fifteen dollars a month and con-



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tinued steadily for two years and one-half, after which he found occupation in various employments until 1858, when he purchased forty acres of land in Knox county, Illinois. A little log cabin stood on the place and here he and his family made their home for eight years. In 1865 he sold out and in the fall of the same year came to Poweshiek county, Iowa, settling on one hundred and sixty acres of government land where the city of Hartwick is now located. This land he purchased for six dollars an acre, which was considered a good price at the time. He was soon established as a farmer in his new home and prospered from year to year, becoming eventually the owner of a thousand acres. He sold a part of his land and gave portions to his children; but still retains a fine farm, which is under an excellent state of cultivation. He is a director of the Farmers' Savings Bank of Hartwick, being also a member of the auditing committee of the bank.

On March 21, 1858, Mr. Ostrom was married to Miss Margaret M. Ostrom, a daughter of Andrew and Hannah (Holmes) Ostrom. The father was a farmer but also engaged as a plasterer and shoemaker. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. George L. Ostrom: Charles, now deceased, who was married and had two sons, Guy and Clyde; Murray; Grant, a farmer, who is married and has five children, Ray, Glenn, Earl, Percy and Lysle; Fred G., who is married and has ten children, Hazel, Marjory, Charles, George, Edna, Dorothy, Nellie, Mildred, Margaret and Fred, Jr.; Arthur; Mary, who is living at home; and Jennie, who married William Dixon, a farmer of Warren township, and is the mother of three children, Guy, George and Hazel.

Politically Mr. Ostrom is a republican, belonging to the standpat wing, which accepts the platforms and nominees of the party and heartily supports them without reservation. He has served as township trustee and also as member of the school board, school treasurer, and township assessor, filling the last-named office for twelve years. He was made a Mason in 1867 and is an honored member of Sharon Lodge, No. 367. Having arrived at the age of seventy-eight years, he is now largely retired from active affairs and can look back on many years of earnest work, in the course of which he earned the gratitude of his fellow-men by innumerable acts of kindness and generosity.

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### JOHN RATLIFF DAVIS.

A highly regarded citizen and capable agriculturist of Sugar Creek township was the late John Ratliff Davis, who was born in Henry county, Indiana, on the 8th of July, 1846.

He was a son of Elisha and Elizabeth (Ratliff) Davis, the father a native of Virginia and the mother of Indiana. In his early manhood Elisha Davis migrated from his native state to Henry county, Indiana, where he met the lady who subsequently became his wife. He engaged in agricultural pursuits there until about 1856, when, together with his wife and family, he came to Iowa, settling on a farm in Jasper county. There the mother passed away on the 10th of November, 1891, and the father on the 27th of November, 1894. He was a

republican and both he and his wife belonged to the Society of Friends. Five children were born of this marriage, three daughters and two sons, in the following order: Axelina and Lavinia, both of whom are deceased; John Ratliff, our subject; Lewis, who is a resident of Jasper county, Iowa; and Alice, who is deceased.

The education of John Ratliff Davis was begun in the common schools of his native state and completed in those of Jasper county and Oskaloosa, Iowa. For about eight years thereafter he taught, following which he operated a sawmill in Lynnvile for a time. He then purchased some land in Sugar Creek township and engaged in agricultural pursuits until about five years prior to his demise, which occurred on his homestead on the 13th of May, 1909.

On the 11th of June, 1870, he was united in marriage to Miss Eliza Jane Lancaster, a daughter of James and Lucetta (Stanley) Lancaster. The parents were both born in Guilford county, North Carolina, the father's natal day being the 10th of October, 1823, and that of the mother the 29th of October, 1825. The father first migrated to Hamilton county, Indiana, where he engaged in farming for several years. He subsequently removed to Iowa with his wife and family, settling in Jasper county in 1847, and continuing to be identified with agricultural pursuits until his demise on the 28th of June, 1861. His wife still survives him and now makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Davis. He was a republican and belonged to the Methodist Protestant church, of which his wife is also a member. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Lancaster, who were married in Guilford county, North Carolina, there were born five children: Eliza Jane, now Mrs. Davis, who was born on the 24th of March, 1849, in Hamilton county, Indiana; Sarah Ann, the wife of John P. Stallings, of Oklahoma; Benjamin Franklin, who is a resident of Gregory, South Dakota; Rhoda Ellen, the wife of Melton Burton, of Palo Alto county, Iowa; and Hannah Elizabeth, who is deceased.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Davis were born the following children: Leonora, who was born on the 6th of April, 1871, and died on the 24th of September, 1877; James Otis, born on the 21st of September, 1872, and now residing in Sugar Creek township, this county; Charles S., born on the 27th of May, 1874, now a resident of Le Grande, Iowa; Edgar, born on the 29th of May, 1876, and living in Sugar Creek township; John S., whose birth occurred on the 4th of January, 1878, also a resident of Sugar Creek township; Lucetta, born on the 10th of August, 1879, and who is the wife of Andrew Mitchell of Oskaloosa, Iowa; the seventh in order of birth was born on the 25th of February, 1881, and died two days later; Fred L., born on the 22d of July, 1882, now a resident of Des Moines, Iowa; Elizabeth, born on the 23d of May, 1884, and who died on May 21, 1909, the deceased wife of Joshua Main, of Sugar Creek township; Howard, born on the 4th of December, 1885, now living in Searsboro; and Kelly, who was born on the 10th of March, 1892, and who lives at home.

The political allegiance of Mr. Davis was ever accorded to the republican party and he served his township in both the capacity of treasurer and school director. His religious affiliation was with the Society of Friends, the faith in which he had been reared. He was a man of sound principles and unquestionable integrity, progressive in his ideas and at all times ready to indorse any

movement which would in any way tend to elevate the intellectual or moral standards of the community. Since his demise his widow has left the homestead, having purchased a very pleasant home in Searsboro in October, 1909, which she now occupies. A woman of tact and gracious manner she has many friends in the village by whom she is highly esteemed.

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#### WILLIAM W. BILLICK.

William W. Billick is an extensive farmer and stock-raiser of Poweshiek county and the success which crowns his efforts is the legitimate reward of industry and well directed effort.

He was born in Winnebago county, Illinois, July 26, 1870, a son of William and Eliza (Kibbie) Billick, the former a native of New York state and of German descent, and the latter also of the Empire state but of Irish parentage. In early life the father sought the opportunities of the west, first locating in Winnebago county, Illinois. He later located in Poweshiek county, Iowa, and in the early '40s, when Iowa was still a territorial district, was a scout, hunter and trapper. He followed the life of a woodsman until he reached middle life when, in 1872, he located on a farm north of Brooklyn. In 1876 he removed to Carroll county, Iowa, and there followed farming throughout his remaining years, passing away there on the 14th of March, 1907. His widow is still living at the age of sixty-nine years and makes her home in Manning, Carroll county.

William W. Billick was a little lad of three years of age when the family removed from Illinois to Poweshiek county, and was but six years of age when they made a permanent location in Carroll county. He attended the district schools of the latter locality and remained with his parents until he had attained his majority. He then worked at farm labor by the month for three years, at the end of which time he rented land in Carroll county, operating the same for four years. He then returned to Poweshiek county and lived for three years on rented land one mile west of Malcom, in Malcom township. In March, 1901, he purchased eighty acres on section 19, Bear Creek township. In addition to operating his own land, each year he rents from two to five hundred acres, so that he is farming on quite an extensive scale. He raises quantities of grain and hay, which he feeds to his stock, devoting much time to the latter business. He raises mostly cattle and hogs and ships to the Chicago market. His own land is well improved, his fields being rich and arable and his buildings are ample for the shelter of grain and stock. He has a good orchard, covering a half acre, which bears its fruit in season. He is progressive in all his work and what he undertakes is sure to bring him success.

Mr. Billick was united in marriage to Miss Addie Goodrich, a daughter of O. D. and Jane (Walls) Goodrich, well known and highly respected farming people of Poweshiek county. The father was born in Wisconsin and was one of the pioneer settlers of Iowa, first locating in Scott county and being engaged in freighting from Davenport to Des Moines prior to the advent of the railroads

in this section. He is still living and now makes his home with a daughter, Mrs. John Eichhorn, whose home is located south of Malcom and whose husband is mentioned on another page of this work. The mother departed this life some fourteen years ago. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Billick have been born two children: Xavie, who is ten years of age; and Clio, five years old.

Mr. Billick votes for the man whom he deems best qualified to fill public office, irrespective of party affiliation. For the past nineteen years he has been identified with the Knights of Pythias at Malcom, while his wife is a member of the Pythian Sisters of that place. The spirit of self-help is the source of all genuine worth in the individual, and this truth is abundantly verified in the life of Mr. Billick. Steadily pursuing his way, undeterred by the obstacles and difficulties in his path, he is achieving a prosperity of which he has every reason to be proud.

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### JOHN DORAN.

County Wexford, Ireland, was the birthplace of John Doran, who is now living retired on his homestead on section 10, Sheridan township, in the cultivation of which he engaged for many years.

He was born on the 25th of March, 1836, a son of John and Mary Doran, also natives of County Wexford, who emigrated to the United States in 1850. Eight weeks and four days were consumed in crossing the ocean from Liverpool to New York. The boat encountered a storm which lasted for three days and nights, during which time three of the masts were lost and all of the family records and belongings were washed overboard. For a time their condition was perilous and they practically abandoned all hope of ever seeing land, but finally reached port long overdue. The parents first located upon a farm in the vicinity of Geneseo, New York, where they lived until 1864.

John Doran was fourteen years of age when his parents emigrated to the United States, so that his education was acquired in the common schools of his native country. He remained at home until he was twenty-eight years of age, at which time he was married and subsequently migrated to Bureau county, Illinois, settling in the vicinity of Princeton, where he resided until 1872. From there he removed to Poweshiek county, locating on a farm north of Malcom where he remained for two years and then purchased eighty acres of land on section 10, Sheridan township, in the cultivation of which Mr. Doran engaged until eight years ago, when he retired from active life, although he continues to live upon his homestead.

In 1864 Mr. Doran was married to Miss Catharine McMahon in Livingston county, New York. Mrs. Doran was a daughter of James and Ellen McMahon, natives of Ireland, but she was born in Newcastle, England, on the 2d of January, 1847. When a child of eight years her parents emigrated to the United States, locating in Livingston county, New York, where she resided until her marriage. The following children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Doran: John F., who is an implement dealer of Tama, Iowa; Nellie, the wife of J. P. En-



right, who is engaged in the same business, and also of Tama: James S., who is a painter and paper-hanger of Tama; Mary, who passed away on the 22d of February, 1909, the wife of John Hallisy, a farmer of Tama county, Iowa; Charles C., a stock buyer of Grinnell; Edward H., who is also engaged in painting and paper-hanging in Tama; Catharine, the widow of Joseph Duffy, who was drowned in July, 1911; and Michael, a railroad conductor of North Dakota. Mrs. Doran passed away on the 9th of September, 1902.

Mr. Doran's youngest daughter, Catharine, was united in marriage to Joseph Duffy on the 23d of July, 1902, and they became the parents of four children: Paul, who is seven years of age; Bernadetta, aged four years; Ellen, who is two and a half years of age; and a baby. Joseph Duffy was a son of John and Anna Duffy, residents of Columbia township, Tama county, Iowa. He was born in Keillogg, Iowa, on the 6th of March, 1878, and acquired his education in the district schools of his native county, following which he assisted his father in the cultivation of the homestead until he rented the farm of his father-in-law immediately following his marriage to Miss Doran.

Mr. Doran and his family are communicants of the Roman Catholic church, with which denomination Mrs. Doran was also affiliated, their identification being with the church in Tama county. Although his political views coincide with those of the Jeffersonian democrats Mr. Doran always casts his ballot for the man he deems best fitted for the office, irrespective of party affiliations, and has twice voted for republican presidential candidates: Lincoln and Roosevelt. He has been offered township and school board offices at various times but has never accepted, always having preferred to concentrate his energies upon the development of his personal interests.

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### GEORGE WASHINGTON ROYCE.

When news of the death of George Washington Royce was received on the 20th of November, 1905, a gloom was cast over Malcom township, for he had so long been identified with the people of this locality that they felt that one of their best men had passed to his long rest.

He was born in Genesee county, New York, November 7, 1837, a son of Horace B. and Sarah (Judd) Royce, both of whom were natives of Vermont, the former born in Washington county, May 7, 1806, and the latter in Irasburg, in February, 1806. They were reared and married in the Green Mountain state, after which they removed to New York, and it was while residing in the latter state that their son, George W., was born. A year later, in 1838, they removed to Wisconsin, where the succeeding years up to 1860 were spent. At that time they came to Poweshiek county and here spent their remaining days, the father passing away in August, 1883, when he was seventy-seven years of age. The mother survived him many years and departed this life in 1901, when she had reached the unusual and extreme old age of ninety-four years. Their family numbered four sons and a daughter, the sons being Horace, Enoch,

George and Leonidas, while the daughter, Sarah M. Antoinette, became the wife of George L. Nutting.

George W. Royce accompanied his parents on their various removals and was a young man of twenty-three years of age when the family home was established in Poweshiek county. He and his three brothers located on farms on section 4, Pleasant township, each having a quarter section. Later Mr. Royce purchased eighty acres on section 33, Malcom township. He made farming his life work and not only sought his own individual success but was ever ready to assist in any movement or measure for public improvement and welfare. He took a deep interest in agricultural affairs and believed in following advanced and modern methods in this as in all other lines of business. He was one of the first directors of the Poweshiek County Agricultural Association and for many years served as its president, filling that position at the time of his death. He and his brother, Horace, were likewise large stockholders in the County Fair Association.

Mr. Royce was married December 24, 1874, to Miss Nellie B. Jones, who was born in Charleston, Massachusetts, May 6, 1853, a daughter of Hon. Albin Jones, of Montezuma. She was fourteen years of age when, in 1867, the family home was established in Iowa and after reaching mature years she was, for several years prior to her marriage, a successful teacher in this county. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Royce was blessed with four daughters: Lillian M., the wife of G. E. Wheeler, who lives on the home farm in Pleasant township; Irma G., the wife of J. A. Hargrave, a resident of Scott township; and Addie B. and Isabelle B., who are with their mother.

Mr. Royce was a staunch supporter of democratic principles and was reared in the faith of the Universalist church. He stood as a high type of American manhood, who won success in a useful field of business and gained the respect and honor of his fellowmen by his public service and private life. However, he found his greatest social enjoyment at his own fireside in the companionship of his wife and children and it is there that he is missed most of all. As before stated, his death occurred November 29, 1905, when he was sixty-eight years of age.

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### JOHN C. REHBERG.

It is almost twenty-three years since John C. Rehberg, who was engaged in the cultivation of a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Sheridan township, passed away.

He was born in Pumman, Germany, on the 18th of February, 1832. The first twenty-two years of his life were spent in his native land, in which country his parents passed away during his early childhood. In 1854 he decided to become a citizen of the United States, so in company with some relatives he crossed the Atlantic, locating in Princeton, Bureau county, Illinois. Upon his arrival there he obtained employment as a farm hand with which occupation he continued to be identified for a year. Ambitious and thrifty he carefully saved his earnings in order to buy a farm, so that he was able when he came to Powe-

shiek county the following year to purchase forty acres of land in Sheridan township. Later he added to this another eighty acres on section 33, thus increasing his holdings to one hundred and twenty acres, in the cultivation of which he engaged until the 18th of October, 1888, at which time he passed away.

Mr. Rehberg was united in marriage on the 27th of March, 1858, to Miss Susan Harmon, a native of Crawford county, Missouri, who was born on the 27th of September, 1841. She was a daughter of Jacob and Frances (Powers) Harmon, who migrated to Iowa in 1854, locating on a farm in Sheridan township, Poweshiek county. There the father passed away on the 20th of March, 1881; the mother, however, survived him until the 18th of March, 1905. Six children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Rehberg, four of whom are surviving as follows: Mary, the wife of August Schroeder, a retired farmer residing in Grinnell, and with whom Mrs. Rehberg now makes her home; Fred, an agriculturist of Sheridan township; Clarence, a farmer residing in Sioux county, Iowa; and Henry, a farmer of Grinnell township. Those deceased are: Nettie, the wife of Henry Baustian, a farmer of Sheridan township; and John, who passed away at the age of ten months.

Mr. Rehberg affiliated with the German Lutheran church of Malcom township, and his wife with the Methodist Episcopal church of Grinnell. In politics he was a Jeffersonian democrat, but not being an office seeker he never actively participated in civil affairs, and fraternally he was identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Brooklyn. Mr. Rehberg possessed the dominant characteristics of the Teuton, energy and thrift, by means of which he attained a position which entitled him to the respect which was accorded him by the community.

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### BENJAMIN W. GRIER.

Benjamin W. Grier, an enterprising young resident of Poweshiek county, is the well known and popular cashier of the Savings Bank at Hartwick. His birth occurred on the old family homestead in Lincoln township, this county, on the 21st of July, 1883, his parents being Benton and Mary J. (Sanders) Grier, both of whom were natives of Ohio. Benton Grier was born in Guernsey county on the 14th of July, 1842, but was reared and educated in Coshocton county, Ohio. When twenty-one years of age he came to Iowa with his father and for two years thereafter continued to remain at home, assisting in the operation of the farm in Lincoln township. In 1865 he purchased eighty acres of land on section 33 from his brother Reuben, the papers being signed on the 10th of January. The further cultivation and improvement of that property claimed his attention throughout the remainder of his life, his demise occurring in 1890. Both he and his wife were devoted and consistent members of the United Presbyterian church. Their union was blessed with seven children.

Benjamin W. Grier attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education and also pursued a course of study in the Capital City Commercial College at Des Moines. After putting aside his text-books he entered the State

Bank at Deep River, being employed in a clerical capacity for three years. In 1908 he became cashier of the Savings Bank at Hartwick and has since discharged the duties devolving upon him in that connection in a most commendable and efficient manner.

On the 21st of September, 1909, Mr. Grier was united in marriage to Miss Jennie L. Hakeman, a daughter of William and Mary Hakeman. Her father, a retired agriculturist, now makes his home at Hartwick. Unto our subject and his wife has been born one child, Mildred Thelma.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Grier has supported the men and measures of the republican party, believing that its principles are most conducive to good government. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Congregational church at Hartwick. Mr. Grier has already won a gratifying measure of success for one of his years and his many friends believe that a bright future lies before him.

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#### WESLEY ALEXANDER PALMER.

One of the native farmers of Malcom township who has advanced steadily with the progress of the times is Wesley Alexander Palmer. He was born on the farm on which he now resides, March 16, 1868, a son of Alexander F. and Sarah J. (Milliman) Palmer. His parents were born in Tompkins county, New York, the father on the 21st of August, 1825, and the mother on the 10th of October, 1829. They were there married, after which they went to Ohio, where they resided for four or five years. In 1855 Mr. Palmer came to Poweshiek county, Iowa, which made so favorable an impression upon him as a place for location that he brought his family here the next year, establishing their home first in Pleasant township. There he entered land, which he later sold, and in 1860 came to Malcom township, purchasing the farm upon which our subject now resides. Here he carried on agricultural pursuits until 1894, when he retired from active life, taking up his abode in Malcom. Later he sold one hundred and forty acres of the homestead to his son Wesley Alexander Palmer, but still retains the ownership of forty acres in this township. In early life, ere leaving New York, he had engaged in teaching school. During the lifetime of the greenback party he had supported that organization, but later gave his allegiance to the democratic party. Both he and his wife are still living, having reached a ripe old age, and are loyal and faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Their family of nine children include the following: Hiram M., of Oregon; Ellis M., also of that state; Flora E., who married F. G. Benefield, and passed away in 1910; John H., a traveling man; Eva J., the widow of L. P. Lewis, and now residing with her parents; Mary J., the wife of the Rev. D. C. Bevan, of Oregon; Almira, who wedded J. S. Stoaks, of Grinnell township; Ruth Adel, who passed away at the age of ten years; and Wesley Alexander, of this review.

Upon the old homestead, which has ever remained his place of residence, our subject passed the period of his boyhood and youth, and in the schools of







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the neighborhood acquired a good common school education. Upon his graduation he began teaching school and was engaged in that profession for seven winters, five of which were devoted to teaching in his home school and two in a school two miles south, in Pleasant township. He proved himself a capable instructor, clearly and readily imparting to others the knowledge which he had himself acquired, and his services in educational fields in Poweshiek county were highly satisfactory.

Subsequently he withdrew from that profession, however, thinking to find more congenial and remunerative labor in agricultural lines, and, purchasing one hundred and forty acres of the homestead farm from his father, has since given his attention to farming interests. He is now the owner of two hundred and twenty acres on section 31, Malcom township, where he carries on general farming and stock-raising, and in both branches he is proving successful, his close application to business interests, his wise management of his affairs and his progressive methods proving resultant forces in the acquirement of a goodly prosperity.

On the 7th of June, 1894, Mr. Palmer was united in marriage to Miss Luna Belle Wheeler, who was born in Bureau county, Illinois, on the 15th of April, 1866. In 1874 she came to Poweshiek county with her parents, W. W. and Sarah Jane (Keller) Wheeler, natives of Vermont and Ohio respectively. The mother is now deceased but the father survives and now makes his home in Erie, Kansas. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Palmer has been born one child, Arlo Wheeler, whose birth occurred on the 28th of December, 1895, and who is now in his sophomore year at the Malcom high school.

Mr. Palmer holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church of Malcom and in politics is an independent democrat, supporting the men and measures of the democratic party in national elections, but when casting a local ballot voting for the best men and most desirable measures. He has not taken any part in public affairs, however, but is nevertheless highly regarded as a man and citizen, at all times being guided by sound judgment and honorable principles. Having passed his entire life in this community he has won for himself a circle of friends which is almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintanceship, possessing those qualities which at once command respect, confidence and good will.

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### JACOB F. JONES.

One of the highly regarded and capable agriculturists of Madison township is Jacob F. Jones, who is engaged in the cultivation of two hundred acres of land on sections 17 and 20.

He was born in the homestead upon which he now resides on the 22d of February, 1856, a son of Uriah and Elizabeth (Boyle) Jones, the father of Irish and the mother of German descent. Uriah Jones, who was a carpenter and farmer, was born in Greene county, Pennsylvania, on the 11th of April, 1813. In his early manhood he migrated to Virginia, where he resided for a short time, then went to Clinton county, Indiana, and there he met the lady who

subsequently became his wife. Mrs. Jones was a native of Virginia, her birth having occurred in Tazewell county on the 8th of July, 1819. They began their domestic life in Indiana, continuing to reside there until 1851, at which time they removed to Illinois, locating on a farm in the vicinity of Peoria. In 1852 they came to Iowa, residing for a year on a farm near Mount Vernon, Linn county. They then came to Poweshiek county, where Mr. Jones entered one hundred and sixty acres of government land which he cleared and improved. He later added to his tract another forty acres which adjoined it on the north. Mr. Jones was the first white settler in Madison township and his son, Jacob F., was the second white child born there. He continued to engage in the cultivation of his farm until his demise, which occurred on the 3d of April, 1894. Mrs. Jones survived him until the 24th of October, 1910, making her home with her son after her husband passed away.

After the completion of his education, in the acquirement of which he attended the public schools, Jacob F. Jones gave his entire time and attention to the cultivation of the homestead under the supervision of his father. After the latter's death he rented the land from the estate, continuing its operation until the division of the property subsequent to the death of his mother. Having spent his entire life on the place he desired to retain possession of it and so purchased the interest of the other heirs. In addition to the cultivation of the fields, which are sowed almost entirely in grains, he breeds and raises a high grade of stock and feeds hogs for the market. Fifty acres of the land is in natural timber but the remainder, which is well drained, rolling prairie, is under cultivation.

Mr. Jones was married on the 24th of December, 1876, to Miss Eva I. Sherwin, a daughter of William and Abi (Kimball) Sherwin. The father, who was a farmer and miller, was born in Chester county, Virginia, on the 26th of February, 1814, but the mother was a daughter of New England, her birth having occurred in Vermont in 1815. They first migrated to Wisconsin, coming from there to Madison township, Poweshiek county, where they resided for many years. Later they went to Pulaski county, Missouri, and there the father passed away on the 28th of October, 1896. He had survived Mrs. Sherwin for many years, her death having occurred on the 15th of June, 1888, while they were residing at Dysart, Tama county. Of the ten children born unto Mr. and Mrs. Jones but seven are living: Harlan S., a farmer of Madison township, who married Miss Mary Tezar and has two children; Warren H., a clerk of the court of Tama county, who married Zae Cannon, of Toledo, Iowa; Daisy, who married S. M. Littrell, a farmer of Nemaha, Nebraska, and who has one child; Frank C., a dealer in automobiles in Toledo, Iowa; Lester L., who is at home; Anna, a music teacher living at home; and Dorothy, who is also at home. Of the three who are deceased two died in infancy and the other was a son, Clifton S., who was crushed to death by an engine in the roundhouse at Marshalltown, Iowa, when he was twenty-one years of age.

Mr. Jones has always prominently participated in local political activities, giving his support to the candidates of the democratic party. He was president of the school board of Madison township for ten years and director in district No. 4 for ten years, while he served for two terms in both the offices of justice

of the peace and constable. Although not a member of any church he attends the services of the Methodist Episcopal, with which Mrs. Jones is affiliated. A man of high principles and sound integrity Mr. Jones' motives are ever actuated by worthy purposes which govern his every relation in life, both public and private.

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### THOMAS P. SCOTT.

Thomas P. Scott, now deceased, was at the time of his death numbered among the extensive landowners of Poweshiek county. He was one of Scotland's native sons, his birth occurring in New Castleon, in October, 1839, and was the only child of William and Isabelle Scott, lifelong residents of that country. He spent the first seventeen years of his life in the land of hills and heather, and then, as a poor boy, came to the United States, taking up his abode in Illinois with an uncle. There he remained until his marriage in 1869, when he started for Iowa, establishing his home on a farm about four miles northwest of Brooklyn, in Poweshiek county, which he had purchased before he left Illinois.

This farm, consisting of one hundred and sixty acres, remained his home throughout his active business life, and constituted the nucleus of the large property holdings which were later his. He engaged in general agricultural pursuits and throughout his active career manifested the sturdy Scotch elements of industry, perseverance and thrift, qualities which proved salient forces in the acquirement of a success which eventually made it possible for him to withdraw from active labor and seek the comforts and conveniences of city life. From time to time as he prospered he had wisely invested in more land, until at the time of his retirement he was the owner of four hundred and eighty acres of valuable land, all lying in one body. About 1900 he took up his abode in Brooklyn and later purchased two hundred and forty acres, so that at the time of his demise he was the owner of over seven hundred acres of excellent farm land all highly improved and developed, thus constituting him one of the substantial landowners of his part of Poweshiek county. Less than a year after his retirement, however, he was called to his final rest, his death occurring on the 5th of February, 1901, at which time his property was divided among his children.

On the 1st of July, 1869, Mr. Scott was united in marriage to Miss Jane Douglass, who was born in Glasgow, Scotland, July 2, 1840, and about 1850 came with her parents to the United States, landing at Boston. The family home was first established in Vermont, where they resided for about six years, when they made their way west to Stark county, Illinois, where the father passed away in 1868. Later the mother resided at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Scott, where her death occurred. In their family were three sons who served in the Civil war. Of this number John resides in Poweshiek county, Andrew in Mitchell, Nebraska, and William, in Quincy, Illinois. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Scott were born four children, as follows: Helen, the wife of Robert Moore, a farmer of Bear Creek township; Catharine M., who married John A. Lang, of

Grinnell; Albert W., also carrying on general agriculture in this township; and Sadie E., who passed away at the age of sixteen years. Since the death of the daughter, which occurred in 1896, a niece, Rose Douglass, has made her home with Mrs. Scott.

In his religious belief Mr. Scott was a member of the Presbyterian church and politically he gave his support to the republican party, although he never sought nor desired office as a reward for party fealty. He preferred to devote his entire time and attention to the conduct of his private affairs, and to his close attention to his interests is due, doubtless, the high degree of prosperity which he attained in agricultural lines. He well deserved the proud American title of a self-made man, for he came to this country a poor lad, with no especial advantages to assist him in the outset of his career. He early recognized, however, that success in life must be purchased at the price of earnest, well defined labor, and as the years passed by his record was one of indefatigable effort and unflinching perseverance, guided by a sturdy common sense which is a birth-right of the Scottish race.

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#### ELIAS L. JAMES.

Elias L. James, who has been successfully identified with the commercial activities of Searsboro for the past eight years, was born in Union township, Poweshiek county, Iowa, on the 12th of December, 1860.

Mr. James is a son of Henry B. and Mary Ann (Stilwell) James, both natives of Indiana. The father migrated to Poweshiek county with his parents and here his father, Thomas James, filed on some government land which he improved and cultivated until his demise. Mr. James also engaged in agricultural pursuits for a time but the last thirty years of his active career were devoted to carpenter work and contracting in Carroll county, Iowa. He is now living retired in Nebraska, Mrs. James having passed away in Searsboro in January, 1900. Politically he is a democrat and in matters religious he affiliates with the Baptist church, of which his wife was also a member. Unto the union of Mr. and Mrs. James were born four children, of whom the son Elias L. is the eldest, the others according to the order of birth being as follows: Mathilda, who is the wife of Hanley Burbank, of Nebraska; Margaret, deceased; and Susan, who married Leed De Secor, both of whom are engaged as missionaries in Central America.

The boyhood and youth of Elias L. James were spent on the old homestead of his grandfather in Sugar Creek township, while he pursued his education in the district schools of the vicinity. He early became familiar with the best methods of tilling the fields and caring for the crops, having from his childhood been accustomed to assisting with the work of the homestead. After completing his education he continued to follow agricultural pursuits, finally purchasing the old homestead, which he cultivated for about six years. Disposing of it at the expiration of that period he removed to Searsboro. In 1903 he opened a meat market, which he conducted for four years and then sold and went into



the general merchandise business, with which he continues to be identified. The business is conducted under the firm name of James & Company, Mrs. James being a silent partner.

On the 20th of July, 1879, Mr. James was united in marriage to Miss Minerva English, a daughter of John and May (Stanley) English, residents of Sugar Creek township. Of this union there have been born five children: Elias, who is deceased; Ona, the wife of John Davis, of Sugar Creek township; Inez, deceased; Ruby, the wife of Howard Davis, of Searsboro; and Fay, who is at home.

His political support Mr. James accords the prohibition party, thus voicing his opinion on the temperance question, and in matters religious he and his wife affiliate with the Society of Friends. In matters of citizenship he is progressive but never prominently participates in governmental matters, always having preferred to give his undivided attention to the development of his personal interests.

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### ROBERT WYLIE, JR.

A well improved and highly cultivated farm of one hundred and sixty acres, located on section 9, Bear Creek township, is the property of Robert Wylie, Jr., who is one of the enterprising young farmers of Poweshiek county.

He was born in Belfast, Ireland, March 12, 1877, a son of Robert and Mary (McMullen) Wylie, and was a lad of five years of age when he was brought to the new world by his parents. Landing in New York city they at once made their way to Poweshiek county, Iowa, establishing their home upon a farm in Jefferson township, eight miles northeast of Brooklyn. In the old country the father had been a day laborer and had also worked on the ship docks, but since coming to Iowa he has engaged in farming. For the first year after his arrival here he worked for his brother John, and during the succeeding two years worked for his sister, Mrs. Agnes Mellrath, in Jefferson township. As time passed and he prospered in his undertakings, he accumulated a sum of money that enabled him to purchase a farm in Jefferson township, which is better known as the M. Calderwood property, and today he is giving his time and attention to the further development and improvement of this place.

Robert Wylie acquired his education in the district schools of Poweshiek county and assisted his father in his farm work until he had attained his majority. At that period in his life he started upon an independent business venture, renting land from his father, and when he had reached the age of twenty-six years he had saved a sufficient sum of money to permit him to farm on a larger scale and he accordingly operated rented land in Bear Creek township for three years. He then purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 9, Bear Creek township, and has here since made his home with the exception of the year 1910, when he lived in Brooklyn, during which time he was having extensive improvements made upon his place. He has a fine modern country home, substantial outbuildings and all equipments for the successful conduct of his farm. He has tilled his fields and there is no waste land, all be-

ing cultivated with the exception of six acres, which are covered with timber. He carries on general farming and raises and feeds cattle and hogs, which he sells to shippers. He also raises much small fruit, devoting one and a half acres to this purpose. Closely adhering to a systematic rule of crop rotation a close study is made of the adaptability of certain crops to certain soils, and that he has a thorough knowledge of the work which he follows is indicated in the splendid appearance of his farm property.

Mr. Wylie was united in marriage, November 25, 1903, to Miss Ethel Jacobs. She is a daughter of Thomas Franklin and Emma (Hogue) Jacobs, the former a native of Virginia and of Irish descent, while the latter was of German descent. The father located in Iowa in 1837, purchasing a farm of eighty acres in Deep River township, Poweshiek county. He lived there for forty years, in the meantime adding two hundred acres to his original holdings. He eventually sold his farm and moved to a place two miles east of Grinnell, but later took up his abode near Rowan, in Wright county, this state, where he still follows farming. His wife died in Montezuma, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Wylie have four little daughters: Naomi, Ruth, Fern and Thelma, aged respectfully six, five, three and one year.

Mr. Wylie is a staunch advocate of the republican party and both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church at Brooklyn. They are people of sterling worth and enjoy the high regard of a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

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#### WILLIAM ELMER STECHER.

One of the enterprising and highly successful agriculturists of Sheridan township is William Elmer Stecher, who owns an excellent farm of two hundred and forty acres on section 30.

He is a native of Poweshiek county, his birth having occurred on a farm one and a half miles north of Grinnell on the 20th of May, 1872, and is a son of Otto and Helen (Sherman-Peck) Stecher. The father was born in Germany, from which country he emigrated to the United States in 1855, locating in Bureau county, Illinois, in the vicinity of Princeton. In 1860 he removed to Poweshiek county, where he farmed as a renter for sixteen years, during which time he saved sufficient capital to enable him to purchase forty acres of land in Sheridan township. Later he bought another eighty acres but subsequently sold both farms, following which he again rented land for several years, then bought one hundred and sixty acres on section 28, where he has ever since continued to reside. The mother passed away at the family homestead in Sheridan township on the 28th of September, 1895.

Reared at home William Elmer Stecher acquired his education in the district schools of his native county, which he continued to attend until he felt qualified to assume the heavier responsibilities of life. His vacations and such times as he was not engaged with his studies was always devoted to assisting his father in the cultivation of the farm, and he had thus acquired a very thorough knowl-

edge of agricultural methods when he left school. He remained a member of the paternal household until he was twenty-three years of age, at the expiration of which period he had accumulated the necessary means to enable him to begin his career, so he rented two hundred and forty acres of land on section 30, Sheridan township. After cultivating this property four years he purchased it, and has ever since continued to make it his home. The land is all well drained and in a high state of cultivation, while the improvements are in good condition. Mr. Stecher engages in general farming and stock-raising, feeding annually a carload of cattle and hogs for the Chicago market. He is an indefatigable worker and judicious manager, giving his fields the careful supervision that brings full and abundant harvests and which always command a good price.

On the 14th of February, 1900, Mr. Stecher was united in marriage to Miss Ida Schmidt, a daughter of Adam and Laura (Frankenhausen) Schmidt, her natal day being the 27th of November, 1881. Mr. Schmidt, who was born in Germany, December 27, 1838, emigrated to the United States with his parents when a youth of sixteen years, locating in the vicinity of Sheffield, Illinois. He migrated from Illinois to Poweshiek county, settling in Sheridan township, where he worked as a farm hand for two years. Subsequently he bought a good farm, in the cultivation of which he was engaged during the remainder of his active career. He passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Zella Matzen, of Chester township, on the 15th of August, 1905. Mrs. Schmidt was born in Ottawa, Illinois, in 1860, and in 1881 she was married to Mr. Schmidt. She only lived to be thirty-eight years of age, her demise occurring on the 28th of January, 1908. One child has been born unto Mr. and Mrs. Stecher: Hazel, whose birth occurred on the 15th of August, 1901, and who is a pupil of district No. 9 school, Sheridan township.

Mrs. Stecher and daughter are members of the German Lutheran church of Malcom township, and politically Mr. Stecher is affiliated with the republican party. He takes an active and helpful interest in local affairs and for the past six years has been serving as treasurer of school board district No. 9, Sheridan township. Mr. Stecher is recognized as one of the representative and substantial farmers of the township in which he has resided for so many years, and where both he and his wife are highly regarded.

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#### CHARLEY O. HARMAN.

The farm in Madison township on which Charley O. Harman makes his home has always been his place of residence, for here he was born on the 23d of April, 1881, a son of Henry and Julia A. (Boyle) Harman, the former born in Montgomery county, Illinois, October 11, 1839, and the latter in Crawfordsville Indiana, December 14, 1848. From the time of the father's return from the Civil war until four years ago he followed farming in Madison township on the place on which our subject now resides. He is now living retired in Brooklyn but the mother is deceased, her death occurring on the 21st of March,

1910. More extended mention of the parents is made in connection with the sketch of Roland O. Harman, printed elsewhere in this volume.

Charley, O. Harman was reared in the usual manner of farm lads, his time and attention during the period of his boyhood and youth being devoted to the various duties of the home farm such as the work of plowing, planting and harvesting. When his services could be spared on the farm he attended district school No. 4 and there received the education that fitted him to face the responsibilities of life. In 1908 he rented the homestead farm on section 19, Madison township, and is here engaged in general farming and stock-raising, dealing in the better grades of cattle, horses and hogs.

Mr. Harman was married on the 14th of June, 1903, to Miss Margaret Mayo, a daughter of John and Jane (Milligan) Mayo. The father was born in England, while the mother was born in Kirkeudbright, Scotland. They emigrated to America in their childhood days, he at the age of eleven years and she at the age of fourteen years. The two families located in Illinois and it was in that state that Mr. and Mrs. Mayo were married, after which they removed to Tama county, Iowa, where the father was engaged in farming until his death. The wife and mother had previously passed away. They were the parents of seven children, but only four are now living: Edward, who follows farming in Tama county; James, also a farmer of that county; Bessie, the wife of Charles Bachman, a farmer residing near Rockford, Illinois; and Margaret, now Mrs. Harman.

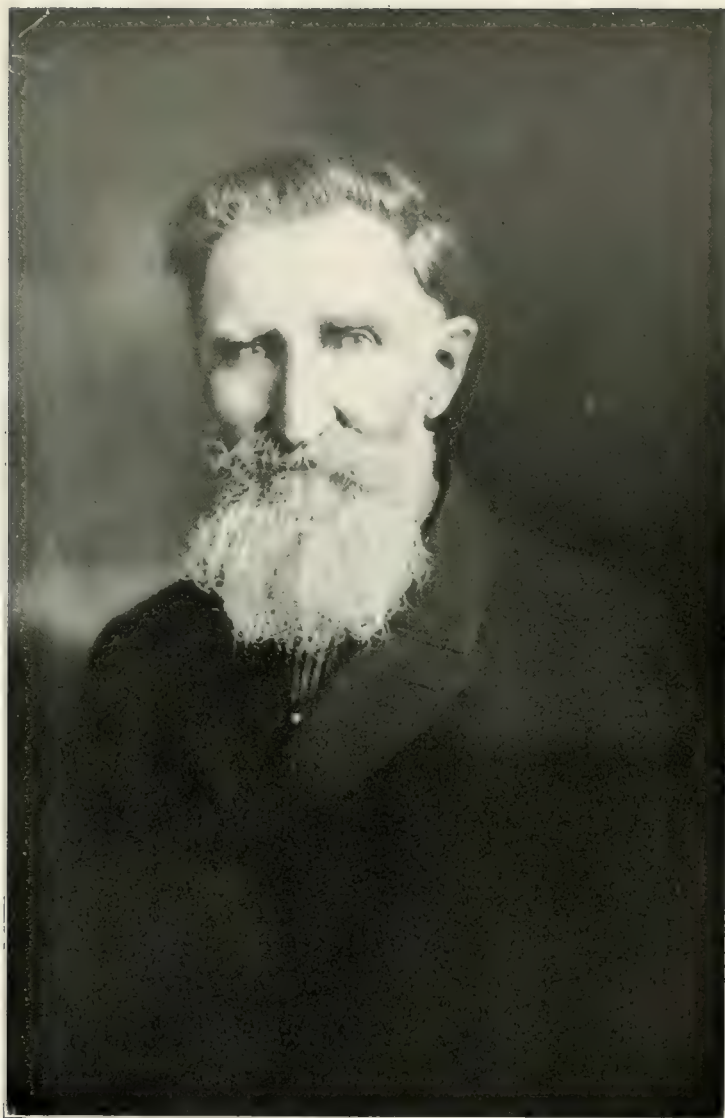
Mr. Harman gives his political support to the democratic party, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, to which his wife also belongs. He belongs to that class of representative young men who rapidly discern opportunities of improvement and who are rapidly forging to the front, and no doubt the future holds for him abundant success and prosperity.

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#### JOHN BUTT.

One of Poweshiek county's former agriculturists whose intelligently and capably directed efforts now enables him to live in retirement is John Butt, who was born in Lewis county, Virginia, on the 3d of September, 1839. He is the eldest son of William and Susan (Rigger) Butt, also natives of Lewis county. The parents came to Iowa in 1841, locating on a farm in Van Buren county, in the cultivation of which William Butt engaged for ten years. At the expiration of that period he disposed of his property and removed to Poweshiek county. He purchased a farm in Union township, upon which he settled in 1851, continuing to engage in general farming and stock-raising until his retirement to Oskaloosa and later to New Sharon, Mahaska county, where he was residing at the time of his demise. The mother passed away in Van Buren county, this state, in 1847. They were the parents of the following children: John, our subject; Mathilda, who is deceased; and Henry, a resident of Republic county, Kansas. The family always worshiped with the Methodist Episcopal denomination, of





JOHN BUTT



which church the parents were members of many years standing. Mr. Butt always cast his ballot in support of the democratic candidates and at one time served as constable.

Being but a lad of twelve years when his father removed to Union township, the greater portion of the education of John Butt was acquired in the district schools of Poweshiek county. He remained a member of the paternal household until he was twenty-one years of age, assisting in the cultivation of the home farm. In 1860 he purchased his present home, which contains one hundred and twenty acres in Union township, and there he continues to reside although he has retired from active farming. Mr. Butt always devoted the greater part of his attention to stock-raising, making a specialty of the breeding and raising of thoroughbred Duroc Jersey hogs. During the long period of his residence on this farm he has wrought many improvements, having erected some very fine buildings which are always kept repaired, and as a result he owns one of the very valuable properties of the township.

In April, 1860, Mr. Butt was united in marriage to Miss Julia Farmer, a daughter of Henry L. and Diantha L. (Sears) Farmer. The father was a native of Virginia and the mother of New York state, but for a time they resided in Indiana, of which state Mrs. Butt is a native, removing from there to Iowa. They located in Poweshiek county in pioneer days, settling on a farm in Pleasant township, which Mr. Farmer operated for many years. Both parents are now deceased. They were members of the United Brethren church, of which denomination the father was a local preacher, while in politics he was a republican. Four children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Butt, but two, Diantha and Homer, are deceased. Those surviving are: Henry, who is living at home; and Anthony, who is a resident of Union township. Mr. Butt also has four grandchildren; Orval, Earl, Hugh and Mildred, who are the sons and daughter of Anthony Butt. In 1890 Mrs. Butt passed away and he subsequently married Mrs. Harriet M. Farmer, a daughter of Shockley Bryant and the widow of Abner Farmer.

Mr. Butt has always exercised his right of franchise in support of the candidates of the democratic party and has several times served as school director. He has lived beyond the allotted three score years and ten and has spent the greater portion of his life in Union township, among whose citizens he numbers many strong friends.

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#### FRED C. SCHULTZ.

Fred C. Schultz, successfully engaged in farming in Malcom township, Poweshiek county, was born in Bureau county, Illinois, on the 18th of August 1859, a son of J. J. and Mary (Piel) Schultz. In the fall of 1864 when a little lad of five years, he came with his parents to Poweshiek county, and within the borders of Malcom township he has since made his home. He continued to give his father the benefit of his assistance until his marriage, in 1881, when he began farming independently, purchasing his present place of eighty acres on section

12. He also rents two hundred acres which he operates in connection with his home farm, and in addition to general agricultural pursuits he is engaged in feeding cattle and hogs for the market. His efforts in both branches have been most successful for he has followed practical, progressive methods, and has ever been actuated by unfaltering industry and untiring perseverance.

In 1881 Mr. Schultz was united in marriage to Miss Ida Eisele, who is also a native of Bureau county, Illinois, her birth occurring there in 1862. In early life she came to Poweshiek county with her parents, Andrew and Phillipina Eisele, of whom extended mention is made under the caption of J. F. Eisele. By her marriage to Mr. Schultz she became the mother of four children, namely: Ellen, the wife of L. C. Tedimann, of Malcom township; Anna, who married John Lideke, also of this township; Mabel, the wife of John Stecher, now making their home with Mr. Schultz; and Clara, still at home.

In politics Mr. Schultz is allied with that independent movement which does not permit itself to be bound by party ties, supporting the men and measures which in his opinion are best adapted to conserve the public welfare. He has held some minor township offices but is not a politician in the sense of office seeking. He prefers rather to devote his time and attention to private interests, and as a stockholder in the Poweshiek County Central Fair Association and the Grinnell Fair Association has done much to stimulate the interest of his fellow-men in all that tends to promote progress in agricultural and kindred lines.

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### JOHN A. FLOOK.

For over forty-four years John A. Flook, who is now living retired in Grinnell, has been a resident of Poweshiek county. He was born in Ontario, Canada, on the 15th of February, 1845, and is a son of Hugh and Elizabeth (Goodfellow) Flook, natives of Belfast, Ireland and Scotland respectively. The father, who emigrated to America in 1810, settled upon a farm in Canada, but in addition to the cultivation of his land during the early days of his residence he worked upon the canal. The parents, who were married in Canada, spent their latter days upon their homestead, where the mother passed away in 1851, but the father survived her for some years. They were both members of the Presbyterian church, in the faith of which denomination they reared their family.

John A. Flook acquired his education in the common schools of his native country, following which he engaged in farm work until the spring of 1865, at which time he migrated to the United States. He first located in Scott county, where he resided for two years and then came to Poweshiek county, settling on a farm in Madison township, north of Brooklyn. Here he engaged in general farming and stock-raising for twenty-five years, and then removed to Grinnell where, in connection with a Mr. Goodfellow, he opened a meat market which they conducted under the firm name of Goodfellow & Flook for ten years. Mr. Flook, who is now living retired, enjoying the ease and comfort which is the reward of his early years of toil and self-denial, has met with success in his



various ventures and now owns, in addition to his property in town, three hundred and twenty acres of land in Chester township, which he rents.

While still residing in Scott county Mr. Flook was united in marriage to Miss Catharine Brownlie on the 31st of October, 1807. Her parents were James and Retchie (Walker) Brownlie, natives of Scotland. The father, who was born on the 10th of December, 1810, emigrated to America when very young, locating in Canada. In 1831 he was married at Smith's Falls, Ontario, to Miss Walker, and for five years they continued to reside in Canada. With two of his brothers Mr. Brownlie subsequently came to the United States, locating in Scott county, Iowa, where they took up government land in 1836. Mr. Brownlie was a lay preacher and for forty years he ministered to the spiritual needs of the people in the vicinity of his homestead, in addition to operating his farm. Mrs. Brownlie, who for twenty years prior to her death had been a cripple, passed away on the old homestead in Scott county on the 20th of December, 1889. She was a woman of rare strength and beauty of character, who had greatly endeared herself to those among whom she had lived for so many years. Mr. Brownlie survived her for four years, his demise occurring at the venerable age of eighty-seven years, his natal day having been the 26th of May, 1807. Both he and his wife were members of the Baptist church, and his political support he had always given the republican party. He possessed a fine mind and was liberal in his views and had always been a warm friend of the colored race.

Mrs. Flook acquired her education in the common schools of Long Grove, Scott county, a village about twelve miles from Davenport, which was founded by the Brownlie family. After the completion of her education she remained at home until her marriage to Mr. Flook. They were the parents of one child: Carrie E., who was educated at Grinnell College and married A. D. Talbott, a druggist of Grinnell; they also adopted a daughter: Ruth Calderwood. Mrs. Flook passed away in Davenport on the 31st of October, 1909. She was highly regarded by all who knew her, and had by her judgment and advice ever been of great assistance to her husband in the conduct of his business.

Mr. Flook, who has passed his sixty-sixth anniversary, has spent the greater part of his life in Poweshiek county, where he is well known and esteemed as a friend and citizen. His religious faith is manifested by his membership in the Christian church, with which denomination his wife was also affiliated.

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### JAMES MADISON POWELL.

James Madison Powell, who has been identified with various activities in Searsboro and is now conducting a grocery store, was born in Clarion county, Pennsylvania, on the 11th of February, 1837.

His parents were James and Sarah (Turner) Powell, the father a native of Greene county, New York, and the mother of Armstrong county, Pennsylvania. Mr. Powell, who was a farmer, removed to Pennsylvania from New York in his early manhood, settling on a farm in Clarion county. He engaged

in the cultivation of this until 1851, when he came west and located in Muscatine county, Iowa. Here he also engaged in agricultural pursuits, but at the end of five years he removed to Poweshiek county, purchasing a farm in Sugar Creek township which he operated until about 1864. He disposed of his holdings at that time and went to Illinois. There he remained for a time and then came back to Poweshiek county, spending the last fifteen years of his life in the home of his son, James Madison. Mrs. Powell passed away while the family was living in Clarion county, Pennsylvania. In politics Mr. Powell was a democrat and his church affiliation was the Baptist. Of the seven children born unto Mr. and Mrs. Powell all are deceased with the exception of the son James Madison, who is our subject. The others were as follows: William T., Eliza Jane, Susanna, Hiram Mc., Silas and Mary Ann.

The greater portion of the education of James Madison Powell, the youngest son and sixth member of the family in order of birth, was obtained in the common schools of his native state. After the family located in Iowa his former course was supplemented by two terms in the schools of Poweshiek county. After laying aside his text-books he remained with his father for another year, assisting in the cultivation of the homestead. At the expiration of that period he went to Fort Scott, Kansas, where he remained for two years, engaged in buying and selling horses to the Indians. Returning to Poweshiek county he followed agricultural pursuits until 1862, when he enlisted as a private in Company B, Fortieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, where he served for three years, being mustered out at the close of hostilities at Fort Gibson. After receiving his discharge he again returned to Poweshiek county where he again engaged in general farming. At the end of three years he went to Lynnville, Jasper county, Iowa, and engaged in the livery business until 1872. In the latter year he again took up his residence in Poweshiek county and erected a hotel and livery barn in Searsboro, which he ran for several years. Disposing of this he purchased the grocery store which he continues to conduct.

Mr. Powell was married on the 10th of June, 1860, to Miss Rachel Burrows, a daughter of Roland and Caroline (Carpenter) Burrows, residents of Sugar Creek township, Poweshiek county, at that time. The father migrated to Iowa with his family from Indianapolis, Indiana, locating on an eighty acre tract in Sugar Creek township. He cultivated his farm while working at the carpenter trade, continuing to follow the two vocations during the greater part of his active career. Both he and his wife passed away on the homestead. In politics Mr. Burrows was a republican and served for a time as justice of the peace, while both he and his wife held membership in the Christian church. Mrs. Powell is a native of Indiana, as were also her parents, her birth having occurred in the town of Mooresville in October, 1840.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Powell have been born eight children: Anderson C., who is deceased; Anna L., the wife of Alfred Ewart, of Poweshiek county, Iowa; Nellie, who married John Stroud, of Des Moines, Iowa; James H., of Searsboro, Iowa; Roland, Carrie and Harry, all of whom are deceased; and Tuni Wyoma, who is a resident of Searsboro.

Mr. Powell votes with the republicans and has served both as marshal and constable, as well as having filled some of the minor township offices. Fra-

ternally he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and he maintains relations with his old comrades of the field by means of his membership in the G. A. R., being identified with the Oskaloosa post. In matters religious he and his wife are connected with the Society of Friends. He is one of the well known citizens of Sugar Creek township, who in all of his relations of life has ever as fearlessly championed the cause of right in times of peace as on the battle fields of the south.

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### SAMUEL EARL BRUSH.

The attractiveness of Iowa as a place of residence is indicated by the fact that many of her native sons have remained within her borders, believing that her advantages and opportunities are equal if not superior to those to be secured in other parts of the country. Samuel Earl Brush was born in Madison township, Poweshiek county, on the 31st of August, 1860, a son of Thomas P. and Sarah (Polley-Wray) Brush, both natives of New York. The father came to Iowa with his parents during his early childhood, the family home being located on a farm in the northeast part of Iowa, and there he resided until 1867, when he came to Poweshiek county. During his active life he engaged in agricultural pursuits as a vocation, but in 1904 retired from the work of the farm and now makes his home in Brooklyn. His wife passed away in that city in 1908.

Samuel Earl Brush is indebted to the common school system of Madison township for the educational advantages which he enjoyed during the period of his boyhood, and he received a thorough practical training under the direction of his father, who early assigned to him tasks about the home farm which increased in importance and numbers with the growing years and strength of the lad. He remained under the parental roof, giving his father the benefit of his assistance, until twenty-two years of age, when he was married and started out as an independent farmer, wisely choosing as a life work the occupation to which he had been reared. For about three years he rented the old homestead, consisting of three hundred and twenty acres in Madison township, and then purchased his present home, a tract of one hundred and twenty acres in section 15, Bear Creek township, just west of the village of Brooklyn.

He at once took up his abode thereon and has since continued to make it the scene of his activities. It is one of the well improved and valuable properties of the township, equipped with all modern conveniences for facilitating farm labor, and its neat appearance is a monument to a life of industry, enterprise, progressiveness and thrift on the part of Mr. Brush. Aside from tilling the soil he also engages to some extent in stock-raising, making a specialty of breeding good horses. He is now the owner of a fine Shire stallion named Richard Thumper, and also has a pair of fine imported Shire mares, one of which won first prize at the Chicago Horse Show in 1908 as a two-year old. The excellence of his stock is recognized throughout Poweshiek county and he is numbered among the most prominent and substantial business men of his section.

On the 28th of September, 1892, Mr. Brush was united in marriage to Miss Florence Tracy, a daughter of Wallace and Malinda (Speese) Tracy. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Brush, Samuel and Lydia (Rank) Speese, were both born in Union county, Pennsylvania, and were of German descent. The latter, an undertaker by trade, later took up the occupation of farming and, coming west in 1866, located at White Pigeon, Michigan, where he purchased a tract of land. There he and his wife remained until their death, the former passing away in 1904 and the latter in 1901. Wallace Tracy, the father of Mrs. Brush, was born in New York, and was a car repairer by trade. He was residing in Tama, Tama county, Iowa, when he met death about twenty-nine years ago, being accidentally killed while repairing an engine. After his demise his widow remained at Tama for a time and then, on the 11th of May, 1885, was again married, her second union being with Joseph Wilkinson, a well known farmer of Madison township, where both are now residing, making their home on a farm on section 3, where Mr. Wilkinson has lived continuously since 1865.

Mr. and Mrs. Brush are the parents of three children, namely: Bernice, who resides at home and attends the Brooklyn high school; Charles, aged eleven years; and Marian, eight years of age, the two latter attending the Brooklyn public school. Mrs. Brush and her eldest daughter are members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Brooklyn, and she also holds membership in the Rebekah lodge of Brooklyn.

Mr. Brush's fraternal relations are with Brooklyn Lodge, No. 112, I. O. O. F., while in politics he votes for the men and measures of the republican party. He has never had time nor inclination to seek for public office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his private interests, and he is a careful, prudent business man whose honorable and upright methods and well directed efforts are meeting with merited success. He is known throughout the district in which he lives as a breeder of fine horses and is recognized as one whose labors have been effective forces in upholding the high standard of stock in this county.

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#### THOMPSON MILLER.

The success which now enables Thompson Miller to live retired in Brooklyn is due entirely to his own efforts along agricultural lines. He was born in Rockingham county, Virginia, December 27, 1846, and is a son of John and Rebecca (Shaw) Miller. The parents were born, reared and married in the same county, and the mother passed away in the Old Dominion when sixty-eight years of age. Subsequently the father came to Poweshiek county with his son Thompson, and four years later his death occurred, when he was seventy-five years old. Their family consisted of thirteen children, of whom the subject of this review was the youngest, and of this number eleven reached mature years.

No event of especial importance came to vary the routine of life for Thompson Miller during the period of his boyhood and youth, which was passed in the state of his nativity, where he acquired his education in the common schools



near his father's home. On attaining man's estate, however, he was attracted toward the opportunities of the rapidly growing west, and in 1875 he came to Iowa, locating first on a farm northeast of Brooklyn. Later he purchased a farm northwest of Brooklyn, in Madison township, and for a third of a century he was busily engaged in the development and cultivation of that property. He engaged in general farming and stock-raising and in both branches success was continuous and substantial, owing to the progressive methods which he pursued and the spirit of industry, enterprise and perseverance which actuated him in the conduct of his affairs. As the years passed and he prospered he became the owner of three hundred and sixty-eight acres, all in one body, forty acres of which are located in Sheridan township, the remainder lying on sections 18 and 19, Madison township, which property is still in his possession and is a highly improved place. The extent of his success is indicated by the fact that in 1908 he was able to withdraw from active life and in that year he took up his residence in Brooklyn, making his home in a modern, up-to-date house which also belongs to him.

Mr. Miller was married, December 24, 1868, while still a resident of Virginia, to Miss Sarah Driver, who was born in Rockingham county, Virginia, December 28, 1845, and by her marriage to Mr. Miller became the mother of eleven children, namely: Rebecca, at home; John, residing in Sheridan township; Samuel, also of Sheridan township; Harvey, residing in Stuart, Iowa; Charles, deceased, who was killed by lightning in November, 1909, leaving a widow and three children; Mary, at home; Maggie, of Des Moines; Jesse, operating his father's farm in Madison township; Earl, farming in partnership with Jesse; and Ira and Grace, at home. All of the children with the exception of the four eldest were born in Poweshiek county.

Mr. Miller and his family hold membership in the Brethren church and are well known to a large circle of warm friends in Brooklyn and its vicinity. He is a republican in politics, deeming that the platform of that party is best conducive to good government, and for six years filled the office of township trustee. The success which is his today has been worthily won along legitimate lines and in every relation of life, whether private or public, the principles which have governed his actions have commended him to the respect, confidence and good will of his fellowmen.

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#### FRED E. REHBERG.

A well tilled farm of eighty acres on section 28 in Sheridan township pays tribute to the agricultural ability of Fred E. Rehberg, who has been engaged in its cultivation for nine years.

He is a native of this county, having been born on the old homestead in Sheridan township on the 10th of December, 1862, a son of John and Susan (Harmon) Rehberg. The father, who was born and reared in Germany, came to the United States in the early '50s, settling upon a farm in Sheridan township, in the cultivation of which he engaged until his demise in 1891. Mrs. Rehberg

is a native of Missouri, from which state she migrated to Iowa with her parents, who were among the pioneer settlers of Poweshiek county. Following the death of her husband, Mrs. Rehberg continued to reside with her children upon the old homestead until 1908, at which time she removed to Grinnell to live with her daughter, Mrs. August Schroeder.

The early years of Fred E. Rehberg's life were very similar to those of the majority of lads reared upon a farm. He acquired his education in the district schools of this county, giving his father such assistance as he could in the cultivation of the farm during vacations and when he could be spared from his studies. After he had obtained such knowledge as he felt to be essential in his vocation, which he had decided should be that of an agriculturist, he withdrew from school and engaged in farming with his father. Following the latter's death he remained with his mother, cultivating the homestead until his marriage, subsequently renting from her one hundred and twenty acres on section 33, which he operated in connection with eighty acres, just south of his present home which he had inherited. After farming as a renter for six years he purchased eighty acres on section 28, upon which he has lived continuously ever since.

On the 29th of April, 1890, Mr. Rehberg was united in marriage to Miss Johanna Hanssen, a daughter of P. J. and Wiebke (Stoldt) Hanssen, who were at that time residents of Malcom township. Three children have been born of this union: Harry Edward, who was born on the 1st of April, 1898; Nonie Wiebke, born on the 7th of May, 1901; and Stella Leona, born on the 6th of November, 1905. The two elder children were born on the old homestead where the father's birth occurred.

His political support Mr. Rehberg has always accorded the candidates of the democratic party. He takes an active interest in township affairs, and for six years has been a member of the board of school directors of district No. 8, which is the one his children attend. Always having lived in the immediate vicinity of his present home he is well known and has many friends, among the closest of whom are included some of the comrades of his boyhood.

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### JOHN L. WHELAN.

An agriculturist whose capably directed efforts have won him recognition as one of the affluent citizens of Madison township is John L. Whelan, whose beautiful homestead, "Four Elms," is one of the most valuable properties of the county.

He was born in Walworth county, Wisconsin, on the 2d of March, 1853, a son of Joseph P. and Catharine (Fuller) Whelan. The father, who was also a farmer, was born in Oneida county, New York, on the 7th of November, 1827, and was a son of Eri Whelan, a native of Vermont but of Irish extraction. When a lad of ten years Joseph P. Whelan removed with his parents to Lenaway county, Michigan, where he resided for seven years. At the expiration of that period he went to Wisconsin and there he met the lady who subse-



FOUR ELM FARM



JOHN L. WHELAN AND FAMILY





quently became his wife. Mrs. Whelan was a native of Vermont, her birth occurring in Windsor county on the 22d of June, 1831, but when a girl of fifteen years she removed with her parents to Wisconsin. Mr. and Mrs. Whelan began their domestic life in Wisconsin, but in 1867 they went to Tama, Tama county Iowa, and there the father, who was a laborer, worked for one year then removed to Poweshiek county. Upon his arrival here he rented the Spaulding farm in Chester township, not far from Grinnell, continuing to cultivate it for ten years. In 1878 he migrated to Minnesota, where he bought a farm which he operated until his death in 1880. He was a veteran of the Civil war, having enlisted in Company A, Fourth Regiment, Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, in June, 1862. Mr. Whelan, who was then living at White-water, Wisconsin, spent two years in the service as a member of the army, being at New Orleans under General Butler. He was discharged on account of disability and returned home, where he remained for a year and then went to Nashville, Tennessee, for a short time. After the death of her husband Mrs. Whelan returned to Iowa and is now living in Schaller, Sac county.

After the completion of his education, which was acquired in the district schools, John L. Whelan remained at home assisting his father in the cultivation of the farm until the latter's demise. Two years thereafter he returned to Iowa, locating in Ida county, where he farmed as a renter for eleven years, then bought a quarter section which he operated for nine years. Disposing of his land at the end of that time he came to Poweshiek county, buying two hundred and forty acres of land in Madison township. He has since sold eighty acres of this but still retains the remainder of his original purchase, which is located on section 26. Mr. Whelan calls his homestead "Four Elms" from four large elms which stand in his front yard. The idea of so calling it occurred to him after he had read J. G. Holland's story of "Seven Oaks." He and his son cooperate in the work of the farm. The latter also breeds and raises registered Shropshire sheep, while the father makes a specialty of feeding cattle and hogs for the market. His farm is one of the very valuable properties of the township, the land all being under cultivation, thoroughly tiled and capably supervised, while the improvements are all good and substantially constructed.

On the 29th of September, 1886, Mr. Whelan was united in marriage to Miss Josephine Emerick, a daughter of Emanuel and Elizabeth (Bodifield) Emerick, natives of Somerset county, Pennsylvania, but of German descent. The parents migrated to Iowa in 1857, locating at Carnsforth, Warren township, this county, buying some land on which the village of Carnsworth was later established. Mr. Emerick, who was a blacksmith, followed his trade at various places near Brooklyn, doing the work of the old stage drivers, until 1886, when he went to Ida county. He has made his home with Mrs. Whelan, with whom he now resides at the venerable age of eight-one years, ever since her marriage. Mrs. Emerick passed away in Brooklyn on the 8th of September, 1882. Mr. Emerick belongs to a long-lived family. He had twelve brothers and sisters and in 1907 ten of the thirteen members of their family were living at an average age of seventy-three years; nine are now surviving at an average age of seventy-seven years. Of the four children born unto Mr. and Mrs.

Whelan but one, Ralph L., is now surviving. The others were as follows: John Eri, who died at the age of two years and his twin who died in infancy; and Mary, who was born on the 13th of January, 1899, and died on the 23d of April, 1906.

Mr. and Mrs. Whelan are identified with the Methodist Episcopal church of Brooklyn, and fraternally he is affiliated with the Masonic order, holding membership in Brooklyn Lodge, No. 174, A. F. & A. M.; and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Schaller, Iowa, and also the Modern Woodmen of America of Brooklyn, while both Mr. Whelan and his wife belong to the Order of the Eastern Star, with membership in the lodge of Brooklyn.

His political support Mr. Whelan accords the republican party, his views coinciding with the more progressive faction of that body. He served for four terms as school director and was twice elected township trustee but never qualified for the office, as he has never aspired to public honors or the emoluments of office. One of the most interesting occurrences in the life of Mr. Whelan was a visit to Nashville, Tennessee, with his father and brother, Leslie, when a lad of eleven years. They were in the city at the time General Hood attempted to drive General Thomas from his position and were most interested witnesses of the battle. Mr. Whelan has ever worked earnestly and persistently, which fact has made him one of the successful agricultural representatives of Poweshiek county.

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### HENRY P. BAUSTIAN.

The activities of Henry P. Baustian have always been concentrated upon general farming and stock-raising, in both of which he has met with more than average success.

He was born in Joliet, Illinois, on the 29th of December, 1863, a son of George and Elizabeth (Schmidt) Baustian, natives of Germany, from which country they emigrated to the United States, locating upon a farm in the vicinity of Joliet. Later they migrated to Poweshiek county, settling upon a farm north of Grinnell, from which place they emigrated to Sheridan township, where Mr. Baustian rented eighty acres of land from his uncle, Charles Schultz. In 1880 he bought three hundred and twenty acres of land on sections 29 and 32, Sheridan township, later adding to this another eighty acres, upon which his son, Joseph W. Baustian, is now residing.

The education of Henry P. Baustian was obtained in the district schools of Illinois and Iowa, which he attended until he had acquired such knowledge as he considered necessary to enable him to assume the heavier responsibilities of life, at which time he engaged in agricultural pursuits. He remained a member of the paternal household until he was twenty-five years of age and then left home in order to begin his career. His first independent venture was the renting of one hundred and twenty-eight acres of land in Malcom township, which he cultivated for two years. At the expiration of that time he removed to Jasper county, where he farmed on shares for two years. Returning to Poweshiek

county in 1891 he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 31, Sheridan township, upon which he has ever since continued to reside. Although he engages in general farming his fields are almost entirely devoted to the raising of corn and oats, as he is an extensive feeder of cattle and hogs for the market. He keeps all of his land, which is thoroughly drained, under cultivation, and is meeting with very satisfactory returns from his ventures. His homestead is well improved and thoroughly cared for, everything about the place suggesting a spirit of thrift and capable supervision of details which bespeaks success in any undertaking. Mr. Baustian has two brothers, George and Joseph W., who are also well known farmers of Sheridan township.

In 1890 Mr. Baustian was united in marriage to Miss Nettie May Rehberg, a daughter of John and Susan (Harmon) Rehberg, residents of Sheridan township, where Mr. Rehberg was a well known farmer at that time. Three children have been born unto Mr. and Mrs. Baustian: Nora, who married Fred Lidka, a farmer of Sheridan township; Edna, who is nineteen years of age and Sylvia, aged sixteen years. The two latter both reside with their sister, Mrs. Lidka. Mrs. Baustian passed away on the 19th of July, 1897, after a week's illness with the measles, and on the 12th of May, 1910, Mr. Baustian and Miss Avis Howard were married. Mrs. Baustian is a daughter of John Henry and Nettie (Mintle) Howard, who live on a farm adjoining that of Mr. Baustian. Mr. Howard was born in Columbus, Franklin county, Ohio, on the 14th of May, 1853, being a son of John H. and Nancy (Baker) Howard, natives of Holland. Nettie B. Mintle, now Mrs. Howard, was a daughter of P. J. and Susan (Maxwell) Mintle, the father a native of Zanesville, Ohio, and the mother of Texas.

Mr. Baustian is a member of Grinnell Lodge, No. 358, I. O. O. F., and his wife of the Rebekah lodge and also of the Congregational church of Grinnell. Politically Mr. Baustian affiliates with the republican party, but not being an aspirant to public honors or the emoluments of office he does not prominently participate in civic affairs. He is well regarded in the community, where the greater portion of his life has been spent, and both he and Mrs. Baustian have hosts of friends to whom they extend the hospitality of their home.

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### ROLAND O. HARMAN.

Roland O. Harman is a progressive young farmer of Madison township operating a tract of land comprising one hundred and sixty acres. He is a native of this township and was born June 27, 1883, a son of Henry and Julia A. (Boyle) Harman.

The father was born in Montgomery county, Illinois, October 11, 1839, and is of German descent. In his childhood days he accompanied his parents on their removal from Illinois to Missouri and he was a lad of fourteen years when they removed from the latter state to Poweshiek county, the family home being established on a farm in Sheridan township. He was reared to the occupation of farming and remained at home until he attained maturity. At the time the Civil War was inaugurated he offered his services to the government

and went to the front as a member of Company E, Fourth Iowa Cavalry, which he joined at Grinnell. He did valiant service in behalf of his country for four years, or until the close of hostilities. He then returned to his home in Poweshiek county and on the 25th of March, 1866, was united in marriage to Miss Julia A. Boyle, their wedding being celebrated at the home of her father, Jonathan Boyle, in Jefferson township. She was born in Crawfordsville, Indiana, December 14, 1848. Following their marriage, the young couple took up their abode upon a farm which he had previously purchased, this tract being located on section 19, Madison township. He was there engaged in farming for quite a long period, or until about four years ago, when he rented his land to his son Charles, and he is now living retired in Brooklyn, making his home with a daughter, Mrs. Bessie B. Kibbee. The wife and mother departed this life March 21, 1910, when in her sixty-second year.

Roland O. Harman was reared on the home farm in Madison township and pursued his studies in district school No. 4, that township. He remained on the home farm until he was twenty years of age, when he went to Rockford, Illinois, and for one year was employed in a sugar factory. While in that city he was married, April 29, 1903, to Miss Maude Graham, a daughter of Merrick Graham, a well known farmer of Madison township, extended mention of whom is made on another page in this volume.

Following their marriage Mr. Harman worked for two years for his father-in-law, and then for three years rented the William Pierson farm in Madison township. For the past three years, however, he has rented the place on which he now lives, this land belonging to Nathaniel Catherman, and comprising one hundred and sixty acres on section 16, Madison township. He carries on general farming, raising the various cereals best adapted to soil and climate, and he also raises some stock, principally hogs. He is progressive in his farm work and as a result of his excellent knowledge of the best methods of agriculture he annually gathers good harvests.

Mr. and Mrs. Harman lost their only child in infancy, its death occurring April 17, 1906. Mr. Harman is a republican in his political views, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church of Madison township. His wife belongs to the Fairview Christian church. They are young people of respectability and worth and have a host of warm friends in their home locality.

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#### FLETCHER JEREMIAH McCORMICK.

There is no record which the American citizen holds in higher honor than that of the man whose strength of character, determination of purpose and indefatigable energy have enabled him to work his way upward from a comparatively humble position to one of affluence, and who throughout his business career has followed a straightforward, honorable course that neither seeks nor requires disguise. Such has been the history of F. J. McCormick, one of the most extensive





FLETCHER J. MCCORMICK



stockdealers of Poweshiek county, who took his initial step in the business world when a little lad of about eleven years.

He was born in Montezuma, Iowa, on the 4th of November, 1859, a son of James and Mary A. (Polston) McCormick. The parents were natives of Wheeling, West Virginia, where the father was born on the 9th of January, 1818, and the mother on the 22d of April, 1817. They came to Montezuma in 1855, arriving here on the 1st of April with their family of three children. The father engaged in various kinds of work and was especially skillful in coal mining, fence building, etc. Through his industry, enterprise and perseverance along those lines he finally became financially independent, owning at the time of his death two hundred and eighty acres of land. He was also a money loaner in later life. He had never been accorded any educational advantages and was in the strictest sense of the word a "self-made man." He and his wife both passed away in Montezuma, Iowa, the former on the 28th of March, 1895, and the latter on the 23d of November, 1884. In their family were four children, of whom our subject was the youngest and only one born in Iowa. The others are: Mary A., the wife of L. H. Boydston, of Los Angeles, California; Joseph D., a successful man engaging in the real-estate, banking and general merchandising business for many years in Davenport, Iowa, where his death occurred on the 3d of September, 1910; and W. H., engaged in mining and prospecting at Deadwood, South Dakota.

Spending the period of his boyhood and youth in Montezuma, Fletcher J. McCormick remained with his mother until the time of her death, although for many years previously he had been engaged in farming and stock-raising. In fact his first step in the business world was taken when but eleven years of age and he has been the architect of his own fortune. He began as a boy by buying calves and naturally he gradually drifted into the live-stock business, expanding his efforts with the passing years until he is now recognized as one of the largest stock-dealers in his part of the county. With the exception of land valued at twenty-five hundred dollars, which he received from his father after he had made his start in business, all that is his today has been acquired through his own efforts, and no man more richly deserves the success which has come to him than does Mr. McCormick. He now owns four hundred and eighty acres of land in addition, to which he operates an eighty acre tract belonging to his brother, and also rents other land for stock-feeding purposes. He makes his home on a farm of eighty acres which his father had owned and which has been in the family for about forty-five years. This property has been very highly developed, all of the modern improvements upon it being due to the enterprise of Mr. McCormick. It is well tiled, the fields are protected by good, heavy fences and it is equipped with all of the necessary buildings for the successful conduct of an extensive stock-raising enterprise. All are well built and substantial and he has two of the best hog houses in the state of Iowa, built of concrete and cement blocks and sanitary in every particular. His entire attention is given to his live stock interests, raising, buying and feeding cattle, hogs and horses. He handles about one thousand head of hogs annually, raising four or five hundred of this number and purchasing the rest. In recent years he has made a specialty of raising mules and horses and now has on hand about sixty head of mules, while

last year he handled one hundred head of horses and mules. He does all of his own shipping and is thus able to ship his stock direct to the markets with the minimum expenditure of time and money, for some time ago he secured a shipping point on the Iowa Central Railroad at Pratts Siding. He applied personally to the railroad company who, in recognition of the large amount of stock which he ships annually, supplied him with the side tracks which he desired.

On the 9th of February, 1888, Mr. McCormick was united in marriage to Miss Ida Blakely, who was born in Mercer county, Illinois, on the 22d of April, 1865. She is a daughter of Thomas and Anna (McRoberts) Blakely, with whom she came to Iowa in 1868, the family home being located in this county about four miles east of Montezuma. Her mother has passed away but her father survives, making his home in Montezuma. Mr. and Mrs. McCormick have one child, James Blakely McCormick, who was born on the 16th of February, 1890, and is yet at home.

Mr. McCormick is a loyal and substantial supporter of the Methodist Episcopal church and assisted in the building of the church edifice at Ewart, Iowa. He is a republican in politics and is active and public-spirited in his citizenship, his efforts being potent factors in community affairs. At this point it would be almost tautological to enter into any series of statements as showing Mr. McCormick to be a man of unfaltering enterprise, keen business sagacity and unquestioned integrity, for these have been shadowed forth between the lines of this review. It is sufficient to say that he has recognized his opportunities and has utilized them to the best advantage so that today he has reached a position of affluence in the business world, while his genuine worth, broad mind and public spirit have won a foremost place for him among the valued and representative citizens of Poweshiek county.

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#### PETER ALBERT HANSSEN.

Among the thrifty and highly successful agriculturists of Poweshiek county must be numbered Peter Albert Hanssen, who is actively engaged in general farming and stock-raising in Sheridan township.

Although of German extraction, as his name would indicate, Mr. Hanssen was born in Davenport, Iowa, on the 20th of December, 1867, a son of Peter Jacob and Wiebka (Stoldt) Hanssen, natives of Schleswig-Holstein. The father, who was a farmer, emigrated to the United States in 1865, locating at Valparaiso, Indiana, where he lived for one year, when he removed to Davenport. During the first two years of his residence in the latter place he was employed in a sawmill and warehouse. At the expiration of that period, however, he rented eighty acres of land seven miles west of Davenport, in the cultivation of which he engaged for sixteen years. In 1885 Mr. Hanssen came to Poweshiek county and purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land a mile and a half northeast of the village of Malcom. Here he resided, engaging in general farming for ten years. He then retired to a small place a quarter of a mile north of his old homestead, where he and Mrs. Hanssen continue to



make their home. They are both hale and hearty and the income of their farm and the competence he acquired provides them with the ease and comfort they were denied during their hard-working youth.

Being reared in the country Peter Albert Hanssen, of this review, obtained his education in the district schools of his native county, following the completion of which he assisted his father in the cultivation of the homestead. He remained at home working for his parents until he had reached the age of thirty-one years, at which time he started out for himself. Being of a thrifty nature he had always saved the greater portion of his earnings and when he left the parental roof had sufficient capital to enable him to become a property owner, and so purchased two hundred acres of land on section 33, Sheridan township, of which he took possession on the 1st of April, 1899. For twelve years he has continued to reside here, engaging in general farming and stock-raising, besides which he makes a specialty of feeding hogs for the market. He has met with most gratifying success in his various undertakings, and now owns one of the best farms in the township, which is well stocked and in a high state of cultivation.

Mr. Hanssen was married on the 15th of March, 1899, to Miss Nettie Dossdall, a daughter of William and Ida (Plaeger) Dossdall, natives of Germany, who migrated to this country in the early '60s. They located upon a farm in Sheridan township, where Mrs. Hanssen was born, residing there for many years and then retired to the village of Malcom, where they purchased a very pleasant and comfortable home, which they still occupy. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hanssen have been born two children: Arthur, who was born on the 12th of December, 1899; and Walter, who was born on the 5th of August, 1906. The eldest son is attending district No. 8 school in Sheridan township.

The family always attend the services of the German Lutheran church in Malcom township, of which denomination Mrs. Hanssen is a very active member. Ever since acquiring the full rights of citizenship Mr. Hanssen has given his political support to the men and measures of the democratic party. He takes an active interest in all township matters and is now acting as secretary of the school board of district No. 8.

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#### CHARLES FORD.

Among the foreign born residents of Malcom township whose efforts along agricultural lines are meeting with substantial and well merited success is numbered Charles Ford. A native of Manchester, England, he was born on the 21st of January, 1864, a son of William and Hannah (Weaver) Ford, who were both born in England, where the father's entire life was spent. Throughout most of his career he was identified with mercantile interests as foreman of a wholesale dry goods establishment and passed away in 1883. His wife now makes her home in Malcom. Of their family of eleven children two besides our subject came to the United States.

Charles Ford spent the period of his boyhood and youth in his native country and is indebted to the common school system of England for the educational advantages which he enjoyed. He was a young man of eighteen years when, in 1882, he came alone to the United States seeking the opportunities which were here open to youth and ambition. He made his way direct to Grinnell after arriving in this country and was identified with the wholesale dry goods business most of the time until coming to Malcom township. Here he spent one year working on the farm of Uncle William Briggs, after which he spent two years in the employ of C. A. Hamor, who later became his father-in-law. During the following year he worked at the creamery at Grinnell and then, in 1885, he was married, after which he was again employed by Mr. Hamor for one year.

By that time through diligence, perseverance and thrift he had been able to accumulate a goodly sum, with which he purchased a home of his own. For several years he was identified with railroad work in Grinnell, at the expiration of which time he went to the gulf region of Texas and there invested in farm land, but after a few months sold his interests there and went to Riverside, California, where he maintained his home for two years. He then returned to Poweshiek county, Iowa, and for the past three years has owned and operated a farm which he purchased from his father-in-law, comprising a quarter of section 30, Malcom township. This farm is in a well improved condition with substantial and commodious barns and outbuildings, and in 1909 Mr. Ford erected an attractive ten-room dwelling, modern in every particular, which greatly enhances the value of the property. He carries on general farming, practices rotation of crops, closely studies soil and climate conditions and is progressive and business-like in the management of his affairs, with the result that his efforts are meeting with a gratifying degree of prosperity.

In July, 1885, Mr. Ford was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Sarah Hamor, who was born on the farm which is now her home on the 17th of January, 1869. Her father, who was born in Downingtown, Pennsylvania, on the 16th of May, 1834, learned the marble cutter's trade near Philadelphia, but early in life came to Iowa, arriving in Scott county in 1858. He became a citizen of Poweshiek county in 1866, taking up his abode on a farm near Malcom, and continued to engage in agricultural pursuits here until he was fifty-five years of age, when he practically retired from business life. For a year following he made his home in California, after which he returned to Iowa and resided in Grinnell until 1898, when he removed to his farm a mile east of the fair grounds, there remaining until his death. He is said to have been descended from ancestors who came to America with William Penn. When thirty-one years of age he was married, in Mifflin, Wisconsin, to Miss Calista Goodrich, who now makes her home in Grinnell township. He is also survived by four of the six children, namely: Mrs. Charles Ford; Mrs. J. F. Rivers; Mrs. Wm. Spooner; and Jesse A. Hamor. He was highly respected by all who knew him for his high quality of citizenship, and of him one of the local papers said at the time of his demise: "A quiet, reserved man, whose industry was rewarded with competence, and whose integrity won the confidence of all who knew him, has fallen by the way. His neighbors and his family have lost

one whom they loved and honored—a good friend.” Mr. and Mrs. Ford are the parents of four children, namely: Francis A., who married Edna Grahn and has one child, Lois G.; and Ruth May, Helen Mary and Louis Hamor, all still at home.

Mr. Ford holds membership in the Episcopal church and also belongs to Lodge No. 273, A. F. & A. M., at Grinnell. He takes a deep interest in politics, giving his support at the polls to the democratic party, and although in no sense a politician he can always be depended upon to do all in his power to advance the welfare of his community.

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### C. F. PAULSEN.

Among Germany's contribution to the citizenship of Iowa is numbered C. F. Paulsen, who was born in Holstein, that country, on the 5th of February, 1836, a son of Franz and Wiebke (Bendtschneider) Paulsen, whose entire lives were passed in the fatherland, where the father was engaged in agricultural pursuits. Of their family of five children C. F. Paulsen is the youngest and the only surviving member. A brother, John Christian, came to the United States in the year following the arrival of our subject, and served in the Civil war as a member of a Minnesota regiment for about a year. His death occurred in New Ulm, Minnesota.

In the land of his nativity C. F. Paulsen passed the period of his boyhood and youth and upon attaining his majority determined to try his fortune in the new world—the land of opportunity. Consequently, in 1857, he crossed the Atlantic and after landing in the United States made his way direct to Minnesota, which had not yet been admitted to the Union as a state. Comparatively pioneer conditions existed in the territory at the time of the arrival of Mr. Paulsen, there being no railroads in Minnesota at that period. In fact, there was but one railroad west of the Mississippi river and that was a short line in Iowa, running from Davenport to Iowa City. He remained in the territory of Minnesota for about four months, engaging in farming during that time, and then made his way to Davenport, Iowa, where he was employed as a farm hand until April 26, 1861.

At that time he enlisted for service in the Union army, becoming a member of Company G, First Iowa Volunteer Infantry, responding to the first call for seventy-five thousand men. He took part in the battle of Wilson Creek on the 10th of August, 1861, and on the 20th of that month was discharged. On the 9th of August, 1862, he reenlisted, becoming a member of Company I, One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served with that command until honorably discharged in 1865. He took part in all of the engagements of his regiment and was mustered out at Pine Bluff, Arkansas, on the 12th of July with the rank of corporal.

After the cessation of hostilities Mr. Paulsen came to Poweshiek county, Iowa, arriving here in 1866, and located in Madison township on a farm which he purchased, about eight miles northwest of Brooklyn. There he carried on

general farming for twenty-three years and during that period so managed his affairs that a most gratifying degree of success awarded his efforts. In 1889, however, ill health compelled him to sell his property there and come to Brooklyn, where for a time he resided on a tract of eight acres. About two years ago he removed to his present attractive home, where he is passing his days in well earned retirement.

Mr. Paulsen was united in marriage on the 25th of October, 1870, to Miss Sophia Fritz, who was born in Pomerania, Germany, on the 30th of October, 1845, and in 1868 came to the United States. Her father passed away in the fatherland and her mother married again and came to this country. No children came to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Paulsen, but they have an adopted daughter, Margaret Fram, who became the wife of T. F. Buchanan, of Brooklyn.

For nine years Mr. Paulsen has been a trustee of the Lutheran church, of which he is a member, and since its organization has been identified with the Grand Army of the Republic. A republican in politics he has held about all of the minor township and town offices, and in every relation has proved himself a most loyal and public-spirited citizen, doing all in his power to further the best interests of the community. He has already passed the Psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten, but is nevertheless still deeply interested in the vital questions and issues of the day and is numbered among Brooklyn's representative and respected citizens.

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#### CHARLES A. DRAKE.

The ranks of the Civil war veterans are fast becoming decimated, but there still survive, here and there, those who loyally went to the front in defense of the Union in the darkest hour of her history. This number includes Charles A. Drake. A native of Ohio, Mr. Drake was born in Wood county on the 3d of April, 1842, a son of Isaac and Nancy (Swaney) Drake. His parents were also born in Ohio, the father in Fairfield county on the 12th of January, 1816, and the mother in Richland county, April 28, 1818. They were married, however, in Hancock county and came to Iowa in 1854, driving the entire distance. They located first in Warren township, Poweshiek county, the father entering one hundred and sixty acres of land on sections 30 and 31. Only a very few families were living in this district at the time of the arrival of Isaac Drake, and these for the most part built their homes in the midst of heavy timber as a protection against the red men. Mr. Drake, however, braving the dangers of Indian interference, sought a location in the open and established his home farther out upon the prairie than any other family had thus far dared to venture. He became a prominent factor in community life and in 1855 was appointed one of the judges of election at the time of the organization of Warren township. A stanch champion of the cause of education, he filled the office of school trustee for many years and was trustee of the second school built in Warren township. This he helped to erect out of logs obtained





MR. AND MRS. C. A. DRAKE



from his farm. Both he and his wife were faithful members of the Methodist Protestant church and in their home many meetings of that denomination were held. He was closely identified with the interests of Warren township until 1864, when he left the farm and moved to Brooklyn. He passed away in Oskaloosa, April 9, 1888, but his wife survived until the 27th of March, 1894, her death occurring in that city.

They were the parents of five children. John T., the eldest, enlisted on the 11th of August, 1862, as a member of Company H, Twenty-eighth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and on the 24th of August, that year, was united in marriage to Miss A. M. Cuning. He then accompanied his regiment to Helena, Arkansas, where he passed away January 14, 1863. Prior to the Civil war he had been a student at Iowa College and would have graduated with the first class had he not entered the army. John T. Drake Post, No. 321, G. A. R., of Brooklyn, was named in his honor. Sarah Jane Drake became the wife of John P. Plummer, who also became a member of Company H, Twenty-eighth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and died at Champions Hill, Mississippi, June 6, 1863. Mrs. Plummer's death occurred in Brooklyn in May, 1869. Charles A. Drake, of this review, is the third in order of birth. Isaac N., the fourth, was married in March, 1871, to Miss S. A. Thomas, and resided at Long Beach, California, but died April 1, 1911. Cyrus C. Drake, the youngest, who also made his home in Long Beach, California, died February 26, 1911. He was married in 1872, to Miss C. Myers.

Charles A. Drake spent the first twelve years of his life in the state of his nativity and in 1854 accompanied his parents on their removal to Poweshiek county, Iowa. He continued to make his home with them until the period of the Civil war, when, with his elder brother, John T., he became a member of Company H, Twenty-eighth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, enlisting on the 11th of August, 1862. For three years, or throughout the remainder of the war, he served with that regiment and took part in every engagement in which it participated with the exception of Sabine Crossroads, the battle of Champions Hill and the siege of Vicksburg, his absence therefrom being caused by a severe wound received in the head by a minie-ball, the injury causing his detention in the hospital for two months. He was present at the engagement of Port Gibson and took part in three important battles of the Shenandoah valley campaign, and only when victory at last crowned the Union arms was he mustered out with his regiment, returning home with a most creditable military record.

In the fall following the close of the war Mr. Drake was married and at once began the occupation of farming on his own account, operating his father's farm in Warren township for one year. He then purchased a farm in Bear Creek township, north of Brooklyn, which remained his home for seven years, after which he sold out and invested in property in Madison township, five miles north of Brooklyn. This farm, consisting of one hundred and sixty acres of good land, is still in his possession, under the management of his son. To its cultivation and improvement he devoted his undivided time and attention for a number of years and by careful supervision developed it into a valuable property. Industry, energy, perseverance, close application and wise management figured as potent forces in the conduct of his affairs and in 1900, as a

result of his well directed efforts, he was able to withdraw from active business and removed to Brooklyn, where he is now living retired.

It was on the 23d of November, 1865, that Mr. Drake was united in marriage to Miss Eliza H. Cuning, who was born near New Philadelphia, Ohio, March 21, 1846, and in 1862 came to Iowa with her parents, Richard and Nancy (Swagler) Cuning. The father of Mrs. Drake was born in Delaware on the 7th of October, 1801, and the mother in Maryland, February 19, 1802. Both passed away in Poweshiek county, the former departing this life December 13, 1868, and the later December 9, 1881. Their daughter Eliza H. was the youngest of ten children and by her marriage with Mr. Drake became the mother of six children who are still living. Nettie, the eldest, is now the wife of Wesley Crawford, of Madison township. Arthur Drake is mentioned at length below. Florence I. is a graduate of Highland Park College and is now engaged in teaching school at Charter Oak. Katharine, who also graduated from Highland Park College, is a teacher at Scranton, Iowa. Lili E. is the wife of Homer Hall and they make their home at Huron, South Dakota. Fred C. Drake, who completes the family, is a railroad conductor in the employ of the Rock Island system at Brooklyn. He married Bessie Bailey. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Drake were born four children who are now deceased: Eugene passing away at the age of four and a half years; Ernest, at the age of two and a half years; Guy, when two years of age; and Elbert, who died in infancy. Mrs. Charles A. Drake attended the first normal institute ever held in Brooklyn and for two years, 1864 and 1865, taught school in Jefferson township, a daughter and son having also taught in the same school.

Politically Mr. Drake gives his support to the principles of the republican party and has filled several township offices, including that of school director, in which he served for many years. Since their marriage he and his wife have been devoted members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in the work of which they are deeply and helpfully interested, and Mr. Drake maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades through his membership in the Grand Army of the Republic. Fraternally he affiliates with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, which body he joined in 1865, being now the oldest member of Brooklyn Lodge, No. 114. His has ever been a well spent life, governed by honorable dealings in every relation, whether private or public, and his upright manhood and sterling qualities have gained for him the unqualified respect, confidence and good-will of all with whom he has come in contact.

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### JOHN ARTHUR DRAKE.

John Arthur Drake, the eldest son of Charles A. and Eliza H. (Cuning) Drake, was born in Bear Creek township, near Brooklyn, on the 2d of January, 1871, and mastered the branches taught in the common schools near his father's home. Later he attended Highland Park College at Des Moines. On the 25th of May, 1898, at the outbreak of the Spanish-American war, he became a member of the Fifty-second Iowa Regiment band, with which he served



until he was mustered out in October, 1898, at Des Moines. He now has the distinction of being the only Spanish-American war veteran in Madison township, and there is also only one Civil war veteran in that township.

After the close of hostilities Mr. Drake at once returned home and since that time has been continuously engaged in the operation of his father's farm in Madison township. In his undertakings he has been signally successful for he has brought to bear in the conduct of his affairs a spirit of progress and enterprise combined with a capacity for hard work and careful supervision—resultant forces in the accomplishment of any undertaking.

On the 28th of October, 1903, Mr. Drake was united in marriage to Miss Eva M. Fritz, and they have become the parents of three children, Margaret, Charles and Mary. In his fraternal relations Mr. Drake is a Mason, while his religious belief is that of the Methodist Episcopal church. After careful and thoughtful consideration of the political situation he has given his allegiance to the republican party, deeming its platform and principles best adapted to conserve the public welfare. He has been called to public office, serving as township assessor for four years, and is now filling the office of trustee, which he has occupied for five years. Having spent his entire life within the borders of Poweshiek county he has become well known here, the circle of his friends being almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintance. His personal traits of character are those which inspire confidence in his fellowmen and speak for upright manhood and desirable citizenship.

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#### ASHLEY H. READ.

Success has come to Ashley H. Read through industry and economy and today, as the owner of a valuable farm property of two hundred and forty acres, he occupies a prominent position among the agriculturists of Bear Creek township, Poweshiek county. He was born in Clearfield county, Pennsylvania, October 30, 1859, a son of Thomas and Jane Read, well known residents of that county.

Ashley H. Read was reared and educated in the Keystone state, and until he attained his majority he gave his father the benefit of his services. At that period in his life he continued to work with his father, but operated the land on shares. He also operated a threshing machine during the summer seasons. In 1887, seeking the broader opportunities of the west, he came to Iowa and for two years rented land in Tama county. He then moved to Bear Creek township, Poweshiek county, where he rented land for a similar period and then took up his abode in Madison township, this county, where for nine years he operated rented land. He then returned to Bear Creek township and purchased his present farm, comprising one hundred and sixty acres, located on section 5. As time passed and his financial resources increased he added an additional tract of eighty acres, making in all two hundred and forty acres. This land is all under a good state of cultivation, with the exception of a few acres which are low and flat. There are good improvements on the place

and he has three fine orchards. He carries on general farming and raises hogs on quite an extensive scale, selling a part of the time to shippers, while sometimes he ships his stock to the Chicago markets.

Mr. Read has been married twice. He was first married, March 17, 1887, to Miss Dolly Billick, a daughter of George and Julia Billick, both natives of Illinois. The mother died January 13, 1911, but the father still survives and now makes his home in Brooklyn, Iowa. By his first marriage Mr. Read has two sons: Roy, who lives at home but is working for himself; and Glenn, also at home and assisting his father in his farm work. The wife and mother died at her father's home in Brooklyn, October 15, 1901. On the 27th of March, 1904, Mr. Read was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Mary Graham, widow of Samuel Graham, who was engaged in farming in Poweshiek county. Mrs. Read is a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Sanders) Shaw, both natives of Pennsylvania. They removed from the Keystone state to Missouri, where the birth of Mrs. Read occurred. After a residence of three years in the latter state, they removed to Tama county, Iowa, but eventually moved farther west, establishing their home in Kansas, where the mother passed away twenty years ago. The father later went to Nebraska and died near Lincoln, that state, in 1904. By her former marriage Mrs. Read has three sons and one daughter, namely: Alpha A., who follows farming near Chelsea, Iowa; Ed, who is a farmer of Malcom township, Poweshiek county; Fred, who is engaged in farming at Newell, South Dakota; and Della, who is with her mother.

Mr. Read formerly gave his support to the democratic party, but for the past fifteen years has been a staunch advocate of republican principles. Mrs. Read is a member of the Christian church in Madison township. Mr. Read follows practical and progressive methods in the conduct of his farm, all fields being platted and arranged so that the best results may be obtained from the labor expended, and a view of his place is in itself a lesson in thrift, perseverance and industry.

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#### W. L. JOHNSON.

W. L. Johnson, a prominent and well known insurance agent of Brooklyn, deserves special mention in this volume as a veteran of the Civil war. He is numbered among Ohio's native sons, his birth occurring in Ashtabula county on the 24th of November, 1845.

He is a son of William and Betsy (Cleveland) Johnson, the former a native of Steuben county, New York, and the latter of Canada. The father, who was a blacksmith and wagonmaker by occupation, was engaged at his trade in Ohio and also owned a farm there, which was operated by his sons. Later he came to Iowa and here followed his trade for a time, and subsequently went to California, his death occurring in Cottonwood, that state, on the 20th of July, 1906, at the age of eighty-seven years. His wife, Mrs. Betsy (Cleveland) Johnson, passed away in March, 1861, in Ohio. They were the parents of six children, as follows: F. N., of Fayetteville, Arkansas, who served for three

years in the Union army as a member of Company E, Twenty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry; W. L., of this review; N. M., of Dakota; Emma, the widow of Ed Hill, of Estherville, Iowa; Ernest M., of Primghar, Iowa; and Frank A., of Chicago. By a second marriage William Johnson had two children: Albert, of Cottonwood, California; and Addie Olmstead, now deceased.

W. L. Johnson spent the period of his boyhood and early youth upon the home farm in Ohio and under his father's direction learned the blacksmith and wagonmaker's trade, at which he became quite proficient. He was but fifteen years of age when the Civil war broke out between the north and the south, but he accepted the invitation of a lieutenant of the Union army, who suggested that he join the army. Consequently he enlisted in September, 1861, as a soldier in Company A, Thirty-sixth New York Volunteer Infantry, and served for twenty-two months. In January, 1864, he reenlisted as a member of Battery E, First Ohio Light Artillery, for three years, and at the close of the war was honorably discharged at Camp Dennison, Ohio. He took part in seven important battles, as well as many minor engagements, participating in the battle of Fair Oaks, Seven Pines, Malvern Hill, Fredericksburg, the second battle of Bull Run, and the battle of Nashville. During his service he was taken ill with smallpox, and an uncle who visited him at that time caught the disease and died from the effects of it.

When the country no longer needed his services Mr. Johnson returned to civil life with a most creditable military record. He joined his parents, who had taken up their abode in Fayette County, Iowa, during his term of service, and on the 24th of January, 1866, was united in marriage to Miss Persis E. Eastman, who was born in southern Illinois, December 6, 1849, and went to Fayette county, Iowa, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Eastman.

After his marriage Mr. Johnson was associated with his father-in-law in the wagonmaking business for about two years, and then he removed to Fredericksburg, Iowa, where he was engaged at that trade for about four years. He then went to Dixon county, Nebraska, where he homesteaded a farm, but he was obliged to give up that place on account of the grasshopper plague, and he returned to Fredericksburg and again worked at his trade there. Later he went to Mitchellville, Polk county, Iowa, where as a member of the firm of Eastman & Johnson he engaged in the wagon and carriage-making business for four years, and during that period the partners marketed more new wagons than any other shop of its kind in Polk county. At the end of that time Mr. Johnson traded his interest in the firm for a farm and then entered the hardware business at Gowrie, Webster county. After a year there he removed his stock to Melford, Dixon county, establishing the first hardware enterprise at that place. In the following December he sold out his store and returned to Mitchellville, where he traded his farm for a stock of hardware and located at Baxter, at which place he carried on business for four years. The year 1886 witnessed his arrival in Brooklyn and here he conducted a hardware concern for four years, after which he sold out to enter the fire insurance business. In 1898 he went on the road as a special agent for the Hawkeye Insurance Company, whom he represented for seven years, and was then employed by the Iowa State Insurance Company for one year. The losses incurred through the

great San Francisco fire were such that that company was obliged to reinsure in other firms, and Mr. Johnson became connected with the German Insurance Company of Freeport, Illinois.

Subsequently he accepted a position with the Security Insurance Company of Davenport, and then, on the 1st of January, 1909, he left the road and has since conducted an agency in Brooklyn, representing several well known companies at this point. His office is in the new Brooklyn Opera House, and he handles a large amount of insurance, being accorded a most excellent patronage. His efforts in the various channels of business in which he has engaged have been successful, and today the consensus of public opinion accords him a prominent place among Poweshiek county's progressive and prosperous citizens. He has recently built a residence in Brooklyn, which is now the home of his family, and he is the owner of forty acres of land adjoining the corporation limits of the town, while in connection with his son-in-law he owns another valuable farm near Brooklyn.

With the passing of the years Mr. and Mrs. Johnson became the parents of four children, namely: Mabel E., the wife of W. R. Pierson, cashier of the Poweshiek County Savings Bank of Brooklyn; Paul E., who is engaged in the dairy business near Minneapolis, Minnesota; Genevieve, a teacher of music at San Fernando, California; and William Glenn, who passed away at the age of ten months.

In politics Mr. Johnson gives his support to the republican party, while fraternally he is a Master Mason and also belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic. Mr. Johnson is a well developed man physically, giving the idea of great strength and reserve force, elements which have had their expression in a strenuous business life. His has been a career of constant activity along various lines, in which his well directed efforts, his keen sagacity and his unfaltering energy have been potent factors in the accumulation of a degree of prosperity which is both creditable and honorable.

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#### N. J. WELLS.

Progress, enterprise and perseverance have characterized the efforts of N. J. Wells in the conduct of his agricultural pursuits, and as a logical and well merited result he is now enjoying a degree of prosperity that is substantial and honorable. Born in Mahaska county, Iowa, on the 4th of September, 1854, he is a son of Cyrus and Emeline (Stewart) Wells, natives of New York and Illinois respectively. The father was a son of Chester Wells, also a native of the Empire state, who became an early settler of Illinois, taking up his abode in that state in pioneer days. Later he removed to Mahaska county, Iowa, and there passed away. He was a well educated man for his day and was an expert carpenter and cabinet-maker, and also at one time had a contract for the building of one of the pioneer railroads. He devoted much night-time to cabinet-making and this strain on his eyes later caused his blindness.





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Cyrus Wells, his son, was but a small boy at the time of the removal to Illinois, and he remained in that state until about 1850, when he accompanied his parents to Mahaska county, Iowa, where he was married shortly afterward. Prior to the Civil war he took up his abode on a farm about three miles southeast of Montezuma and subsequently, in 1866, removed to Union township. Later he went to Pleasant township and there both he and his wife passed away. He was a carpenter by trade, following that occupation in early life, but later took up farming. He served in the Mexican war as a cavalryman and became an extensive landowner, possessing five hundred acres of land in Pleasant township at the time of his death. His wife died on the 8th of March, 1891. In their family were ten children, of which the subject of this review was the second in order of birth, the others being: Fidelia, the wife of S. R. Wisner, of Nebraska; H. W., of Grinnell; C. M. also of Grinnell; W. A., of Pleasant township; Dora, who married G. W. Morrison, of Ewart; Sarah Emeline, the deceased wife of W. F. Blaine; Minnie, who passed away in early childhood; Ida, of Nebraska; and Fred, of this township.

When a lad of twelve years N. J. Wells came to Pleasant township and since that period has resided continuously within its borders. He has made agriculture his life work, gaining thorough preparation in that branch of activity on the home farm under the direction of his father, with whom he remained until his marriage. He then embarked independently in the business world and is now the owner of an excellent farm, consisting of two hundred and forty acres located on sections 25 and 26, eighty acres of which was a part of his father's estate. This is a valuable property, all of the improvements found thereon having been introduced by our subject. He engages in general farming and stock-raising and makes a specialty of feeding shorthorn cattle. In both branches of his business he has been successful, surrounding himself with a most gratifying degree of prosperity, and as his financial resources have permitted he has purchased other property, so that he now owns in addition to his home farm one hundred and five acres on section 34 and forty acres on section 35.

On the 18th of February, 1880, Mr. Wells was united in marriage to Miss Margaret A. Daly, who was born in Montezuma on the 2d of September, 1856. She is a daughter of M. and Margaret (Duffus) Daly, natives of Vermont and Scotland respectively. Mr. Daly, whose birth occurred on the 6th of May, 1824, was reared in his New England home and, belonging to a poor family, was early forced to provide for his own livelihood. As a boy he worked along the coast at Boston, taking oysters from the shells, and later he learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed until the time of his marriage. In early manhood he came west, first locating in Illinois, and about 1853 arrived in Iowa, taking up his abode in Poweshiek county. Here he engaged for a time at his trade and erected several of the first structures in Montezuma. Later he took up farming in Pleasant township and then, in 1878, entered land in Nebraska and was there engaged in agricultural pursuits for many years. He became very successful and at one time owned five hundred and sixty acres in that state. During his later years he lived retired. He was a republican in early life but subsequently espoused the cause of the greenback party and was very active in party affairs. He was a self-educated man, being a great reader, was fond of debate and for some time

was county lecturer for the Farmers Alliance in Antelope county, Nebraska. He also assisted in establishing the first mutual fire company in that county. In 1855 he was married to Miss Margaret Duffus, who was born in Scotland on the 18th of September, 1836, and came to the United States at the age of eighteen years with her parents. She was a daughter of James and Ann Duffus, who, on arriving in this country, made their way direct to Poweshiek county, Iowa, where the father passed away. Mrs. Duffus, however, died at Storm Lake, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Daly both passed away in Elgin, Nebraska, the former on the 14th of December, 1903, and the latter on the 7th of October, 1891. In their family were ten children, as follows: Margaret A., who married our subject; Lucy J., the widow of J. B. Jackman, of Chicago; Carrie E., the deceased wife of A. L. Perry; Orlando, deceased; C. F., of Los Angeles, California; Oliver, residing in Nebraska; Professor M. S., was educated at Fremont, Nebraska, and is now a professor in Alberta, Canada; James O., who passed away at the of age of nineteen years; Joseph Franklin, a dentist of Wisener, Nebraska; and Lillian, the wife of H. N. Link, of Elgin, Nebraska.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Wells has been blessed with three children, namely: Charles Edwin, operating a portion of his father's estate, who married Miss Hattie Evans; May, the wife of C. F. Ludeman, of Scott township, by whom she has one child, Marie Pauline; and Edith, attending the Montezuma high school.

In politics Mr. Wells casts an independent ballot, unhampered by party ties or machine rule. He always stands for the best men and most desirable measures and has ever given his influence for sound platforms and worthy candidates. He is deeply interested in the welfare of Pleasant township and cooperates in all measures for its upbuilding and development, and his many good qualities have won for him a place in the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens.

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### JAMES W. FUDGE.

The cultivation of a fine farm of one hundred and eighty acres engages the time and attention of James W. Fudge, who was born in Washington county, Virginia, on the 26th of April, 1839.

His parents were Jacob and Rebecca Jane (Seay) Fudge, also natives of Virginia. The father, who was a farmer, migrated to Iowa with his family in 1846, locating in the vicinity of Monroe, Jasper county, where he acquired a farm which he cultivated for some years. Here the mother passed away, but the father was living retired in Brownville, Nebraska, when his demise occurred in 1893. Mr. Fudge was a democrat and both he and his wife were affiliated with the Christian church, in the faith of which denomination they reared their family. Five children were born unto them in the following order: John T., who is a resident of Arkansas; James W., our subject; Mary Elizabeth, who is deceased; Ann Eliza, the widow of a Mr. Stinson, of Fort Custer, Montana; and Elvira Jane, the wife of Michael Markey, of Greenfield, Adair county, Iowa.



It was in the common schools of his native state that James W. Fudge received his introduction to the rudiments of the common branches, his education being continued in the district schools of Jasper county. When he had acquired such knowledge of the fundamental branches as was deemed essential to enable him to pursue his vocation, which he had elected should be that of agriculture, he laid aside his text-books and devoted his time and attention to the work of the homestead. From that period until he had attained his majority he worked on the farm under the direction and supervision of his father. In 1862 he responded to his country's call and enlisted as a private in Company E, Twenty-third Iowa Volunteer Infantry, where he served for three years. He saw much active service and participated in many notable battles, among the latter being the siege of Vicksburg, battle of Champion's Hill, Black River Bridge and Fort Gibson.

When he received his discharge he returned to Monroe, where he worked for a year at the carpenter trade. At the expiration of that period he went to Madison county, Iowa, and farmed for two years. In 1868 he came to Poweshiek county, locating in Sugar Creek township, where he bought one hundred acres of land in the cultivation and improvement of which he immediately engaged. Here he followed general farming with such success that it was possible for him to increase his holdings later by the addition of another eighty acres. Mr. Fudge is now living retired on the farm.

On the 20th of March, 1866, Mr. Fudge was united in marriage to Miss Ann Highlands, a daughter of William and Eleanor (Slane) Highlands. The father was a native of Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, and the mother of Virginia. In his early manhood Mr. Highlands, who was a farmer, migrated to Coles county, Illinois, where he met the lady who subsequently became his wife. Together with his wife and family he came to Iowa in 1843, settling in the vicinity of the present site of Monroe, having the distinction of being the first settler in Jasper county. He filed on a quarter section of land which he improved and cultivated until his demise; his wife also passed away on the homestead. In his political allegiance he was ever true to the principles of the democracy and served for seven years as a member of the board of supervisors. The church connection of both Mr. and Mrs. Highlands was that of the Presbyterian faith. Their family numbered six, five of whom survive, the order of birth being as follows: Thomas M., who is deceased; Ann, now Mrs. Fudge, who was born in Coles county, Illinois, on the 31st of October, 1839; Elizabeth, the widow of Daniel Mortimore, of Linden, Adair county, Iowa; James R., of Alameda, California; Sarah Jane, the wife of Carry Roush, of Churdan, Greene county, Iowa; and John A., who is a resident of Grant county, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Fudge have two daughters and two sons, namely: Vista Jane, the eldest, and who is the wife of John P. Baker, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this volume; John R., a resident of Hand county, South Dakota, who is married and has three children, Ava, Elda and Gerald; Lulu Eleanor, who became the wife of Fred Robertson, of Havelock, Nebraska, and who has three children, Mildred, Russell and Vera; and William T., a resident of Poweshiek county, and who is married and has four children, Ora, Arthur, Glenn and Lela.

The political views of Mr. Fudge coincide with the principles of the democratic party, for whose candidates he always casts his ballot. He has served as school director and one term as road supervisor. Although he has never taken a prominent part in political activities, he is public-spirited in matters of citizenship and invariably gives his indorsement to all movements and measures the adoption of which would promote the general welfare of the community.

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#### ABEL DOTY.

Abel Doty, who is one of the well known stockmen and agriculturists of Madison township, where he owns a fine farm, was born in Delaware county, Ohio, on the 17th of October, 1857, a son of Abner and Harriet (Havens) Doty. The father was born and reared in Canandaigua, New York, and was a son of Ebenezer Doty, also a native of the Empire state. The family is of English descent, the ancestors having come over in the Mayflower. The Doty family migrated to Ohio during the pioneer days and there they were living when gold was discovered in California. In 1849 Ebenezer Doty and four of his sons, Edward, Albert, Martin and Abner crossed the plains from Ohio to the Pacific coast in search of the precious ore. The father passed away in a western mining camp and after searching for five years in hopes of finding a rich vein of metal Abner Doty returned to Ohio to the farm. He engaged in agricultural pursuits in the Buckeye state until 1866, at which time he removed to Iowa, purchasing a quarter section of land in Iowa county, which he cultivated for seventeen years. Owing to the state of Mr. Doty's health, after the marriage of their son Abel the parents made their home with him and his wife during the remainder of their lives. The father passed away on the 7th of August, 1883, at the age of sixty-five years, but the mother survived until the 16th of February, 1910, her demise occurring at the age of ninety-two years.

The elementary education of Abel Doty was acquired in the district schools of Ohio, but after removing to Iowa he attended the public schools of Ladora until he had completed his preliminary course, following which he entered Iowa College at Grinnell where he studied for three years. Professor Parker was a member of the faculty at that time and one of the instructors of Mr. Doty. After completing his education Mr. Doty returned to the homestead and assisted his father in the cultivation of the farm until he had attained his majority. He left home in 1878 to begin his real life work and for three years thereafter farmed as a renter in Tama county, Iowa. At the end of that time he came to Poweshiek county, renting a farm west of Grinnell which he cultivated for a similar period. In 1884 he removed to Bear Creek township, near Brooklyn, where he resided for fifteen years, and in 1901 he came to Madison township. Here he purchased his present homestead, which consists of one hundred and sixty acres and upon which he has ever since lived.

His land, which lies on section 25, is fertile, thoroughly tiled and drained and in a high state of cultivation, with the exception of two acres which is planted in fruit trees. Mr. Doty takes great pride in his property and keeps

it and his improvements, all of which are substantially constructed and carefully repaired, in good condition, and the general appearance of the place creates a decidedly favorable impression. He breeds and raises a high grade of Shropshire sheep and cattle and registered Poland China hogs. Although he engages in general farming he feeds and ships stock to the Chicago market.

Mr. Doty was married at the age of twenty-one years, to Miss Laura Sheets, a daughter of John and Mary (Simpson) Sheets. The father, who was a farmer, migrated from Ohio to Iowa in 1865, locating in Iowa county, Iowa, subsequently settling in Sheridan township, Poweshiek county. In 1891 he went to Hastings, Nebraska, and both he and Mrs. Sheets made their home during the latter part of their lives with their son, Clement Sheets, who was a resident of that town. Mrs. Sheets passed away in April, 1892, but he survived her until 1909. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Doty have been born nine children, eight of whom are living, as follows: Ada, who married Rollin Smith, who was shot and killed at Chelsa, Iowa, during a bank robbery. He was marshal at that time and was shot by one of the robbers while on duty, dying five hours later. Of this union there was born one child, William, who is living with his mother. Later Mrs. Smith married Grant Ostrom, a farmer living near Hartwick, Jefferson county, Iowa, and they have had three children: Grace; Percy, and Rex, who is deceased; Forrest, a farmer of Bear Creek township, this county, who married Nola Tinker, a daughter of Edward Tinker, a resident of the same township, and who have one child, Martha; Gertrude, the wife of Gordon Roudebush, a farmer of Bear Creek township, and who have one child, John; Bertha, Ethel, Minnie, Cora and Glenn are all at home. Cora and Ethel are attending the high school at Brooklyn and Glenn goes to school in district No. 7, Madison township.

Mrs. Doty and the children are all members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Brooklyn, and Mr. Doty is a member of the Masonic fraternity of Brooklyn, while he and his wife belong to the Order of the Eastern Star of the same place. His ballot he casts in support of the candidates of the republican party and has served his township as trustee for two terms and as school director for many years. He is one of the energetic and capable agriculturists of Madison township who well merits the success which has rewarded his efforts.

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#### WALTER I. WOLCOTT.

One of the citizens of Sheridan township who has been identified with the agricultural development of Poweshiek county is Walter I. Wolcott, who is engaged in the cultivation of a two hundred and eighty acre farm on section 16.

Mr. Wolcott was born upon the farm where he continues to live on the 25th of September, 1876, his parents being Edwin and Angeline (Barnum) Wolcott, natives of Greene county, New York. The father, whose natal day was the



14th of September, 1828, was reared upon a farm, in the cultivation of which he assisted, and he also engaged in teaming and worked in a tannery when a young man. Coming west in 1851, he located in Ogle county, Illinois, where he resided for four years, at the end of which period he removed to Whiteside county, where he remained until 1859, when he returned to New York. In 1871 he came to Iowa, locating on a farm in Poweshiek county where he lived continuously until his demise on the 2d of December, 1900. He was twice married, his first wife being Miss Jane Sanford, a daughter of Vernon and Katie Sanford, who were farming people of Ogle county, Illinois, where Mr. and Mrs. Wolcott were married in 1854. Two sons were born of this marriage: Vernon L., who passed away at the age of sixteen years; and Frank B., a resident of Toledo. Mrs. Wolcott died in 1859 and he subsequently returned to New York, where he later married Miss Angeline Barnum, who passed away in the summer of 1890.

The Wolcott family is one of the oldest in America, the first representative coming over in the Mayflower. Oliver Wolcott, who was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, was the great-great-grandfather of our subject and the father of Gideon Wolcott, who was born in 1765 and married Caroline Becker, another representative of one of the old families of New England. Gideon Wolcott, who died in 1850, located in Greene county, New York, where his son, Lawrence, was born in 1804. He removed with his wife, who prior to her marriage was Miss Sarah Stocking, to Illinois, after the death of his father.

Walter I. Wolcott's boyhood and youth was always a busy one, for while still a student in the district school he had to assume much of the responsibility of the farm, practically having entire charge of it at the age of fourteen years. After the death of his father, which occurred when he was twenty-four years old, he bought two hundred acres of the old farm, later adding to this another forty acres which he purchased from his brother, E. J. Wolcott, and he subsequently acquired forty acres which adjoined his father's farm on the south, thus making the aggregate of his landed holdings two hundred and eighty acres, all of which is in an excellent state of cultivation. He engages in general farming and stock-raising and is meeting with success in both ventures. His place is well improved, the buildings kept in good repair, while the fields are given that careful supervision which results in abundant harvests.

In 1901, Mr. Wolcott was married to Miss Mary G. Rhodes, a daughter of H. I. and Kate (Devinney) Rhodes, the father being a native of Licking county, Ohio, and the mother of Rock Island, Illinois. About 1850 Mr. Rhodes came to Iowa, locating in Jackson county, removing from there to Sheridan township in 1871, where he engaged in farming until about nine years ago, when he retired to Grinnell, where he and Mrs. Rhodes continue to reside. Two children have been born unto Mr. and Mrs. Wolcott: Cecil Irving, whose birth occurred on the 30th of March, 1902; and Hubert Edwin, who was born on the 2d of January, 1905.

The parents both affiliate with the Methodist Episcopal church of Sheridan township, while fraternally Mr. Wolcott is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being a member of Sheridan Lodge, No. 654, and also



with the Modern Woodmen of America, belonging to Sheridan Camp, No. 9039, and Mrs. Wolcott is affiliated with the Royal Neighbors of Sheridan.

An ardent republican Mr. Wolcott always casts his ballot for the candidates of that party, but not being an office seeker he never actively participates in local politics, preferring to concentrate his entire attention upon his private interests.

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### FREDERICK MURPHY.

Frederick Murphy, extensively and successfully engaged in general farming and stock-raising in Malcom township, is numbered among Poweshiek county's native sons, his birth having occurred on the farm, which is still his home, on the 15th of May, 1872.

As the name indicates the family is of Irish origin, the grandparents of our subject, Frank and Mary (Ewart) Murphy, having both been born in County Tipperary, Ireland. The grandmother was related to the Ewart family of County Tipperary, for whom the town of Ewart was named. On arriving in this country they first located in New Brunswick and later went to Illinois, whence they removed to Poweshiek county, Iowa, prior to the inauguration of the Civil war. Here Mr. Murphy entered several hundred acres of land, including the present homestead farm, and here both he and his wife passed away. In their family were seven children, as follows: William, the father of our subject; Francis, now deceased; Joseph, also deceased; John, of Grinnell township, James, of Colorado; Sarah, who married a Mr. Delehoyd, of Nebraska; and Lucy A., who is deceased. William Murphy, the eldest of this number, was born in New Brunswick, and was but eight years of age when brought by his parents to Poweshiek county. He was a farmer by occupation and followed that pursuit in this county until the time of his death in 1878, at the early age of forty-four years. His wife, Mrs. Florence (Cade) Murphy, was a native of Illinois and her death occurred in Omaha in 1906, when she was sixty-three years of age. Their family consisted of three children, namely: Frederick, of this review; Robert, of Grinnell township; and Stephen, who passed away at the age of twenty-two years.

Frederick Murphy, whose name introduces this review, has spent his entire life upon the farm which is now his home. After the death of his father, which occurred when he was a little lad of six years, he continued to reside on the old homestead with his uncle, Joseph Murphy, whose death occurred here on the 29th of March, 1907. This farm consists of four hundred acres, all in one body, lying on section 32, Malcom township, and under the direction of Mr. Murphy and his uncle it has become a highly improved and valuable property, containing two sets of substantial buildings and all of the equipment necessary for the successful conduct of the farm work. Mr. Murphy engages in general farming and stock-raising, fattening for the market on an average of two carloads of hogs and one carload of cattle annually, and in both branches he has been most successful, being now numbered among the most prosperous, enterprising and progressive agriculturists of the community. He also has other

interests, being a stockholder in the Malcom Savings Bank and also a director of the Malcom Garage Company.

On the 20th of September, 1904, Mr. Murphy was united in marriage to Miss Lena Olson, who was born in Grinnell township on the 16th of December, 1879. Her parents, Ole and Lena Olson, are both natives of Norway and now make their home at Story City, Iowa. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Murphy have been born four children; Ruth; Frederick William; Harold; and Raymond.

Mr. Murphy is known in fraternal circles as a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge of Malcom and of the Elks lodge at Marshalltown. In politics he votes the republican ticket where national issues and questions are involved, but at local elections casts an independent ballot, supporting the men and measures which he regards as best adapted to conserve the welfare of the community regardless of party ties. A diligent farmer and a good citizen, enjoying a substantial income from his business interests, he holds the respect and good will of his fellows through the strong traits of honesty and integrity of purpose which have ever characterized his intercourse with others.

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#### HANS H. FREESE.

Hans H. Freese is numbered among those sons of the fatherland who sought a home in the new world and here found the opportunities for advancement in business lines denied them in their native land. He was born in Holstein, Germany, on the 31st of August, 1851, a son of Hans D. and Anna (Dohse) Freese, both of whom passed away when he was but a year and a half old. He was sixth in order of birth in a family of seven children, who, after the death of their parents, were reared by strangers. Hans H. Freese was given the privilege of attending school until fifteen years of age, when he laid aside his textbooks to learn the blacksmith's trade. He followed that occupation for a short time and then engaged in farming until 1881, when he determined to seek his fortune in the United States.

Mr. Freese arrived in Montezuma, Iowa, on the 16th of May, of that year and has since been a resident of Poweshiek county. He was at first employed as a farm hand by the month, being thus engaged for one year, after which he took up farming on his own account as a renter, being thus occupied for six years. At the expiration of that period he removed to Bear Creek township and here operated another rented farm for a similar period. In the meantime his industry, enterprise and thrift had made it possible for him to save sufficient capital with which to invest in a farm of his own, and in 1892 he took up his abode upon a farm which he had purchased three years before. The tract consisted of one hundred and twenty acres, located on section 19, Bear Creek township, two and a half miles east of Malcom, and upon that place he has since carried on general agricultural pursuits. Aside from tilling the soil he also engages in stock-raising and in both branches has met with success. He cultivates the cereals best adapted to soil and climate, practices rotation of crops and handles a good grade of stock, and close application to business and wise



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management of affairs have ever been salient elements and resultant forces in his career.

Ere leaving his native country Mr. Freese was united in marriage, October 27, 1878, to Miss Catharine Johanna Fischer, who was born in Holstein, Germany, on the 11th of November, 1858. Her parents, Henry and Dorothea Fischer, were lifelong residents of the fatherland. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Freese were born twelve children, as follows: Henry John, of Marshalltown, Iowa, who married Otilia Schaefer; Caroline Marie, who married A. C. Pyle, of Malcom township; Charles Christian, at home; Anna Elizabeth, the wife of Gustavus F. Kelm, of Malcom; Ida Dorothea, who wedded George Eisele, of Malcom township; William F., residing in Kossuth county, Iowa; Louis Theodore, Elizabeth Minnie, John Herman and Frank Walter, all at home; and Delmer August and Elmer Otto, twins, the latter of whom died at the age of one year.

Mr. Freese is an interested and helpful member of the German Lutheran church of Malcom township and gives his political allegiance to the democratic party, although the honors and emoluments of office have no attraction for him. While a resident of the fatherland Mr. Freese served for three years, from 1871 until 1874, in the German army, as a soldier in Company 10, Eighty-fifth Regiment. Since his arrival in this country he has proven himself equally loyal to American interests and institutions and is today numbered among Poweshiek county's representative and respected citizens.

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JOHN P. BAKER.

Good business sagacity, tireless energy and the intelligent direction of his affairs have enabled John P. Baker of Searsboro to retire while yet in his prime.

He was born in Washington township, Poweshiek county, on the 29th of September, 1862, a son of George J. and Sarah (Watson) Baker. The father was a native of the province of Westphalia, Germany, while the mother was born in Indiana in 1825. Mr. Baker emigrated to the United States in 1854 and located in Washington township, where he purchased forty acres of land. Later he disposed of this and bought eighty acres in Sugar Creek township, continuing its cultivation until his death in 1865. The mother passed away in Sugar Creek township, July 1, 1911. His political support Mr. Baker gave to the whig party, while in religion he was a Catholic. Mrs. Baker, however, was a member of the Baptist church. Unto them were born a son and a daughter; the latter, Margaret, is still at the old homestead in Sugar Creek township.

John P. Baker was only a child of three years of age when his father died, so that while still quite young he was compelled to assist with the work about the farm. His education was acquired in the district schools of Sugar Creek township, which he attended until he had such knowledge as he felt would enable him to assume the heavier responsibilities of life. He then worked out

for three years as a farm hand, following which he operated the homestead for his mother until he was thirty years of age.

In 1892 he came to Searsboro and engaged in the grain and lumber business with George W. Hays. At the end of five years Mr. Baker bought out the interest of his partner and conducted the business alone until 1902, when the state of his health necessitated his withdrawing from business, so he disposed of his interests. During the next four years he superintended his farm in Sugar Creek township, containing six hundred and forty acres, which he had bought while engaged in business. Subsequently, he again returned to his former business in Searsboro, continuing to be identified with this until 1909, since which time he has been living retired.

On the 1st of March, 1893, Mr. Baker was united in marriage to Miss Vista J. Fudge, a daughter of James and Ann (Highland) Fudge, well known residents of Sugar Creek township. Mrs. Baker is also a native of Iowa, having been born in Madison county on the 2d of April, 1868. Three children have been born of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Baker, the order of their birth being as follows: Clifford Otho, who was born on the 29th of November, 1896; Veda Aureva, born on the 20th of January, 1903; and Aretha Adelaide, whose birth occurred on the 15th of January, 1908.

The family attend the Methodist Episcopal church, of which Mr. and Mrs. Baker are members, and in politics he is a republican and has served on the school board and in the town council. Mr. Baker is one of the highly regarded business men of Searsboro, as well as one of its affluent citizens, and both he and his wife take a prominent part in the social life of the town and extend the hospitality of their beautiful home to their many friends.

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#### W. W. SHANNON.

Ohio claims W. W. Shannon as one of her native sons, although for more than a third of a century he has made his home in Poweshiek county, Iowa. His birth occurred in Butler county, July 20, 1849, a son of James E. and Malinla (Huston) Shannon. The father was born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, May 17, 1817, and the mother in Dearborn county, Indiana, in March, 1828, and shortly after their marriage they removed to Ohio. When their son, W. W. Shannon, was about two years of age they located in Michigan, and there the mother passed away April 11, 1858, her death occurring in Morenci. In 1864 the family removed to Henry county, Illinois, and there made their home. The father engaged in general farming until he retired from active labor, and on the 8th of October, 1910, he passed away, having survived his wife for more than a half century. In their family were two children, the sister of our subject being Mary I. wife of Edward A. Fickling, of Yankton, South Dakota.

At the usual age W. W. Shannon entered the public schools in the acquirement of his education, and later became a pupil in the Bryant & Stratton Business College at Peoria, Illinois. After his graduation therefrom he was engaged for a year as bookkeeper in a bank in Illinois, but with the exception of

that period his attention was given to agricultural pursuits throughout his business career. In 1876 he came to Poweshiek county and located on a farm two and a half miles southeast of Brooklyn, in Bear Creek township, and later he purchased the J. P. Bartley farm, located also in this township, about two miles southeast of this city. Here he made his home for twenty years, a period marked by persistent effort, unfaltering energy, close application and wise management, so that at its close he had not only transformed his farm into a valuable property, but had gained for himself a place among the substantial and successful agriculturists of the township. In 1903 he sold that place and removed to Brooklyn, where he has since maintained his home. He now owns a half interest in a fine farm of two hundred and eighty-six acres southeast of the town, which annually yields a gratifying revenue.

In 1873, at Cambridge, Illinois, Mr. Shannon was united in marriage to Miss Emma C. Blanchard, who was born at Tiskilwa on the 31st of August, 1855, a daughter of Russell and Lenora M. (Wright) Blanchard. Her father, who was born in Massachusetts, passed away in Davenport, Iowa, on the 20th of March, 1893, and the mother, a native of England, died in 1858. Two children have been born unto Mr. and Mrs. Shannon: Mabel C., the eldest, was born September 20, 1878, and is now the wife of R. Whitney, of Fort Collins, Colorado. By her marriage she has become the mother of two children: Albert, ten years of age; and Ruth, aged four years. Ion W., born April 15, 1884, became the wife of B. F. Torrance, of Brooklyn, and they have one child, Louise E., now two years of age.

Mr. Shannon is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, as is also his wife, while fraternally he is a Master Mason and is also identified with the Knights of Pythias. He is a staunch republican in politics and has been called to fill various offices, including that of trustee of Bear Creek township, which he occupied for two or three terms. He resigned that position, however, to accept the duties of county supervisor, to which office he was elected in 1897, serving therein for two terms, or six years. He also was closely identified with the work of the office of county commissioner for three subsequent years, although he was not at that time a member of the board. Although he has already passed the sixtieth milestone on life's journey he is still deeply interested in all of the vital questions and issues of the day, and by his fellow townsmen he is recognized as a loyal and public-spirited citizen, who has the welfare of the community at heart.

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### JAMES CALDERWOOD.

James Calderwood, a retired agriculturist living on section 1, Bear Creek township, has been a resident of Iowa for more than six decades and during his active business career accumulated seven hundred and sixty acres of valuable land. His birth occurred in County Antrim, Ireland, on the 22d of June, 1825, his parents being Matthew and Rosana (Cameron) Calderwood, who though of Scotch descent, were born and reared in Ireland. The father, whose

natal year was 1781, was a farmer by occupation and spent his entire life in County Antrim, passing away in 1866 at the age of eighty-five years. His wife, who was born in 1790, was called to her final rest in 1881 when ninety-one years of age.

James Calderwood remained on the Emerald isle until he attained his majority, assisting his father in the operation of the home farm. In 1847 he crossed the Atlantic to the United States, locating in eastern Massachusetts, near Boston, where he worked on garden farms for three summers. In 1850 he determined to establish his home in the west and, beginning the journey, made his way from Boston to Philadelphia by boat and railroad. From Philadelphia he traveled by canal to near Johnstown, Pennsylvania, thence crossing the Alleghany mountains by stage to Pittsburg. Subsequently he made his way down the Ohio river to Cairo and continued the journey by boat up to Davenport, Iowa. He entered a quarter section of land in Scott county, nine miles north of Davenport, for which he paid two dollars an acre and on which he took up his abode five years after it came into his possession. After a residence of thirty-one years in Scott county he came to Poweshiek county, locating in Bear Creek township, where he purchased a farm of two hundred and forty acres and later another of three hundred and twenty acres. The township of Bear Creek has remained his place of abode to the present time. During his career as an agriculturist he accumulated seven hundred and sixty acres of rich and productive land and still owns the home place of four hundred acres. The remainder of his property he gave to two of his sons, one receiving a farm of one hundred and sixty acres and the other of two hundred acres.

On the 12th of December, 1857, in Scott county, Iowa, Mr. Calderwood was united in marriage to Miss Henrietta Middlemas, who was born in Sullivan county, New York, on the 14th of May, 1835, her parents being Rev. Jasper and Elizabeth (Templeton) Middlemas, the former a native of Roxburghshire, Scotland, and the latter of Aberdeen, Scotland. Her father was a minister of the German Reformed church of New York state, while her maternal grandfather, the Rev. Dr. Templeton, was a well known divine of Scotland. Mrs. Calderwood, who was a graduate of the State Normal School of Albany, New York, died on the old home place on the 24th of June, 1900. By her marriage she became the mother of ten children, nine of whom are still living. Matthew, who is engaged in the implement business at Pipestone, Minnesota, wedded Miss Minnie Whitcomb, of Brooklyn, Iowa. Lizzie is the wife of William Copely, a farmer living near Marshalltown, Iowa. Lizzie is the wife of William dren: Glenn; James; Ross; Nellie; and Harry Grant and Fred, who are deceased. Annie Calderwood is at home with her father, as is also Emma Jane. Henrietta gave her hand in marriage to William Hughes of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, an express agent of the United States Express Company, by whom she has one child, Willard James. Caroline Templeton is the wife of Forrest Wright, an implement dealer of Pipestone, Minnesota, by whom she has four children: William Deacon, Catharyn Louise, Cameron Worth and Dalton Forrest. William C., an agriculturist of Madison township, Poweshiek county, wedded Miss Mary Erickson and has two children, Eloise Evelynne and Andrew Erickson. Sarah is the wife of B. E. Dayton, a furniture dealer of Brooklyn, Iowa,



by whom she has one child, Ralph Edson. Charles Melanthon is a graduate of Iowa College and the Yale Theological Seminary and has been pastor of the Church of the Pilgrims at Brooklyn, New York, for the past three years. As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life he chose Miss Edith Hanscom, of Haverhill, Massachusetts. Jasper Turner Calderwood passed away on the 14th of August, 1865, when but two years of age.

In politics Mr. Calderwood is a staunch republican, having supported the men and measures of that party since casting his ballot for John C. Fremont, its first presidential candidate. While living in Scott county he held the office of township supervisor for several terms and also served as a member of the school board. For forty-seven years he has been an elder in the Presbyterian church either of Davenport or Brooklyn, Iowa, with which denomination his children are also connected. He has now passed the eighty-sixth milestone on this earthly pilgrimage and his life has ever been such that he can look back upon the past without regret and forward to the future without fear.

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#### ANDREW SHADEL.

Andrew Shadel, who owns an excellent homestead of one hundred and sixty acres in Madison township, was born in the vicinity of Monmouth, Illinois, on the 12th of May, 1871. He is a son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Stacy) Shadel, the father a native of Germany and the mother of Switzerland. Mr. Shadel emigrated to the United States before the Civil war, locating in Indiana, where he worked on a farm for a short time, and then purchased eighty acres of land in Illinois in the cultivation of which he engaged for eight years. At the expiration of that period he disposed of his property and came to Sheridan township, Poweshiek county, where he purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land, to which he later added another quarter section. He continued to reside in Sheridan township for fifteen years, when he retired and removed to Tama, Tama county, Iowa, where he and his wife have ever since made their home.

Practically the entire life of Andrew Shadel has been spent in Poweshiek county in the district schools of which he obtained his education. Upon the completion of his education he assisted his father in the work of cultivating the homestead. When the latter removed to Tama his son rented the homestead, which he operated for ten years, and then purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Madison township, where he continues to reside. He engages in general farming and makes a specialty of raising and feeding hogs and cattle for the market. During the period of his residence upon his present farm he has effected many improvements in the property. He has just completed a new residence and has repaired the outbuildings, while the land, which is now well drained, is in a high state of cultivation.

On the 3d of February, 1898, Mr. Shadel was united in marriage to Miss Mary Miller, a daughter of John and Kate (Shank) Miller. The parents, who were born and reared in Rockingham county, Virginia, came to Poweshiek county many years ago. Upon their arrival here Mr. Miller first rented a farm

in Jefferson township, which he cultivated for several years, following which he purchased one hundred and twenty acres in Warren township. He passed away on his homestead on the 8th of June, 1886, and for six years thereafter Mrs. Miller remained upon the home farm. In 1892, however, she was married to Phillip Heishman, a wealthy farmer and extensive landowner of Sheridan township, and three of her daughters married sons of Mr. Heishman, as follows: Will and Ernest, both residents of Sheridan township; and Gus, of Warren township. Mrs. Heishman had one son, Benjamin Franklin Miller, who died at the age of six years. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Shadel has been born one daughter, Mabel E., who is twelve years of age and attends the Madison township No. 9 district school.

Mr. and Mrs. Shadel hold membership in the Christian church of Madison township, while his political support Mr. Shadel gives to the democratic party. He served as township trustee in Madison township for two years and is now president of the board of school directors in district No. 9. Ambition, energy and perseverance are prominent characteristics of Mr. Shadel, who is recognized as one of the successful farmers of Madison township.

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### LUTHER TRIPLETT.

Well directed effort along agricultural lines was the source of the gratifying competence which now enables Luther Triplett to live retired, enjoying in well earned rest the fruits of former years of labor.

He was born in what is now Bureau county, Illinois, on the 16th of December, 1834, and the scene of his nativity was one of the picturesque log cabins, with stick and mud chimneys and puncheon floors, so typical of pioneer days. His parents, Aquilla and Elizabeth (Wilson) Triplett, were both born in the year 1811, the father's birth occurring in Virginia and the mother's in Pennsylvania. They were married in Ohio and removed to Illinois shortly before the birth of their son, Luther. The district was at that time sparsely settled and Aquilla Triplett entered land from the government in what later became Bureau county, paying therefor a dollar and a quarter per acre. There he developed a farm, which he continued to cultivate for a number of years. He passed away at the age of seventy-one years while visiting his son, Luther, at Brooklyn. His wife continued to reside on the old home place until her demise, which occurred when she was eighty-four years of age. Their family of ten children consisted of seven sons and three daughters, of whom Luther was the second in order of birth and the eldest son. A brother, Levi, served for three years as a soldier in the Civil war. Four brothers and one sister of our subject still survive.

The little cabin in Illinois, sixteen by sixteen feet, remained the home of Luther Triplett throughout the period of his boyhood and he continued a resident of that state until 1868, when he followed the advice of Horace Greeley—"Go west, young man"—and sought a home and fortune on the broad prairies west of the Mississippi river. He located first in Brooklyn, Poweshiek county,

Iowa, and then in the spring of 1869 he purchased a farm five miles northwest of this city, on section 4, Bear Creek township. For thirty-nine years he labored unceasingly in its development and improvement, his efforts being characterized by an energy, perseverance and diligence that presaged the most successful outcome. At the expiration of that period results were so substantial that he was able to withdraw from active labor and with a most satisfactory competence removed to Brooklyn, where he is now enjoying a well merited rest. Upon his retirement from agricultural pursuits he was the owner of a valuable property of two hundred and forty acres, all well improved and highly cultivated, eighty acres of which he has since sold to his son.

While yet a resident of Illinois Mr. Triplett was united in marriage, in 1854, to Miss Celia Ann Ball, who was born in Belmont county, Ohio, January 20, 1835, and when eighteen years of age went to Illinois with her parents. She is a daughter of Vachel and Fannie Ball, natives of Maryland, who also came to Iowa in 1868, locating in Brooklyn at the same time that Mr. Triplett became a resident here. In their family were four daughters and seven sons. As the years passed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Triplett was blessed with six children, namely: Frank, a resident of Gowrie, Webster county, Iowa; H. L., of Grinnell; Fannie, the wife of F. O. Littlefield, of Humboldt, Kansas; Monsieur D., a farmer residing five miles northwest of Brooklyn; Aquilla, making his home in Stratford, Texas; and Dr. Louis B., practicing medicine in Springfield, Massachusetts.

Although Mr. Triplett gives stanch support to the candidates of the democratic party, he has never sought nor desired office for himself. He is a Master Mason, belonging to the lodge at Brooklyn, and has won for himself a large circle of friends during his long residence in Brooklyn and vicinity. He has never regretted his determination to come to Iowa, for in the cultivation of her rich soil he found most substantial success.

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### GEORGE WASHINGTON ROBESON.

One of the highly successful stockmen of Poweshiek county is George Washington Robeson, who owns an excellent farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Madison township. He was born in Davenport, Scott county, Iowa, on the 7th of April, 1846, and is a son of Thomas M. and Sarah Jane (Blake) Robeson, the father of Irish and the mother of French extraction, but both natives of Bedford county, Pennsylvania. Mr. Robeson, who was a brick and stonemason and also a cobbler by trade, came to Iowa in 1844, locating in Scott county. He continued to reside there until about 1893 when, owing to the state of his wife's health, he migrated to South Dakota, settling in the vicinity of Mitchell. Mrs. Robeson passed away two years thereafter and her husband returned to Iowa, where he died about ten years ago.

After the acquirement of his education, which was obtained in the district schools of his native state, George Washington Robeson remained at home and assisted his parents with the farm work until he was twenty-four years of age.

He came to Poweshiek county in 1878, locating in Brooklyn on the 19th of February. Soon afterward he purchased a farm of one hundred and twenty acres at a cost of twenty dollars per acre and upon which he has ever since resided. He raises nothing but high grade stock, making a specialty of short-horn cattle, Duroc Jersey hogs and Plymouth Rock chickens and bronze turkeys. He also raises thoroughbred horses, which he ships to the Chicago market, and feeds cattle and hogs, carrying on general farming at the same time. His farm is exceptionally well improved, well drained and in a high state of cultivation.

On the 8th of November, 1870, Mr. Robeson was united in marriage to Miss Imogene Pitcheat, a daughter of Michael and Margaret (Wilson) Pitcheat. The father was a native of Pennsylvania but his wife was born and reared in Steuben county, New York, of southern extraction, her father being a native of Virginia and her mother of Maryland. Mr. and Mrs. Pitcheat were married in the Keystone state, removing from there to Scott county, Iowa, where they located in 1853. He has passed away but Mrs. Pitcheat is still living, hale and hearty at the venerable age of eighty-two years, and makes her home with Mr. and Mrs. Robeson. Of the three children born unto Mr. and Mrs. Robeson but two are surviving, the eldest, Raymond Dewitt, having passed away at the age of six months. The others are as follows: Lee B., who is now residing in Huron, South Dakota, and who married Ellen Harmon, a daughter of Henry and Julia Harmon, and who have one child, Bernice, twelve years of age, and Harvey T., an electrician living in Davenport, Iowa, being a foreman in the Tri-City Electric Light Company; he married Miss Etta Gardner, a daughter of Mrs. Fannie Gardner, and they have two children: Louday I, who is six years of age; and George Washington, named after his grandfather Robeson, and who is two years old. Harvey T. Robeson is a member of the Eagles and the Modern Woodmen of America.

Mr. Robeson's political principles accord with those of the democratic party, for whose candidates he always casts his ballot. He has served as assessor for nine years and township trustee for a similar time, during a portion of which he was chairman of the board. A man of progressive ideas Mr. Robeson has made a success of his vocation because he has at all times used discretion and sound judgment in the direction of his affairs.

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#### JOHN A. BEVER.

Among the residents of Bear Creek township, Poweshiek county, who are now living practically retired, their present comfortable financial position being the direct result of former activity and enterprise along agricultural lines, is numbered John A. Bever. He was born in Holmes county, Ohio, June 1, 1845, a son of James and Mary (Sloniger) Bever. The father's birth occurred in the same county on the 12th of February, 1810, while the mother was born in Pennsylvania, April 16, 1809. The latter went with her parents to Ohio and was there







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married in Holmes county, in 1832. In 1849 she accompanied her parents to Adams county, Illinois, and there she passed away May 4, 1864. Mr. Bever, who was a farmer by occupation, subsequently went to Edina, Missouri, where his death occurred on the 30th of January, 1889. In their family were five children, as follows: Effie, deceased; Susan, also deceased; John A., of this review; Adam, of Guernsey, Iowa; and Joel, who has likewise passed away.

John A. Bever remained at home with his parents until the outbreak of the Civil war when, imbued with a spirit of patriotism, he enlisted in 1861 from Adams county, Illinois, as a member of the Fiftieth Illinois Infantry. He was at that time only sixteen years of age and because of his youth his father secured his release. In 1862, however, he obtained his father's consent to reenlist, but on account of not having been properly enrolled he did not officially enlist until February 23, 1864, when he became a soldier in the Fiftieth Illinois Infantry. He was honorably discharged July 13, 1865, after having served for nearly three years. In the meantime he had taken part in all of the engagements of his regiment, including the battles of Shiloh, Corinth, Pittsburg Landing, Kenesaw Mountain, Atlanta, and Alton Pass, Georgia, as well as many minor engagements. He went with Sherman on his march to the sea and took part in the fight at Bentonville, North Carolina, after the surrender of General Lee. Later he went to Washington and took part in the grand review, the greatest military pageant ever witnessed in the United States, and with a splendid record for valor and courage returned home.

After returning to private life Mr. Bever went to Kansas and hired out as a teamster in the employ of the government at Fort Riley. He was thus engaged for eight and a half months and it was during this time that the treaty was made with the Indians by Generals Kearney and Sanborn. In 1866 he returned to Adams county, Illinois, and there carried on farming during the years 1867 and 1868. In April of the following year he arrived in Poweshiek county, Iowa, and here he located on a farm three miles northeast of Brooklyn. He first purchased eighty acres of land at five dollars per acre, and this formed the nucleus of what has since become extensive property holdings. He has continued to engage in general farming and has been so successful in his venture that he has been able, with the passing of the years, to invest more and more largely in farm property until he is now the owner of seven hundred and seventy acres of well improved land, which constitutes one of the most valuable estates in the county. This land, which is located in Warren and Bear Creek townships, is now rented, constituting the source of a most substantial annual income. Mr. Bever makes his home at present on the River road, a mile east of Brooklyn.

On December 31, 1868, in Adams county, Illinois, Mr. Bever was united in marriage to Miss Susan Moore, who was born in Kentucky on the 31st of December, 1850. She was reared, however, in Illinois, and is a daughter of George and Rhoda (Berry) Moore, and a second cousin of Henry Clay. By her marriage with Mr. Bever she became the mother of nine children, namely: Cora, who is now the wife of Walter Conklin, of Knox, Indiana; Frank Elmer, who passed away at the age of one year; Norman Ellsworth, of Colorado; Mary Edith, who married Homer Rinehart, of Wyoming; Charles D., a resident of Brooklyn; Sampson C., of Wyoming; Guy N., also of Wyoming; Lily Iola, the wife of Dr.

Gauley, of Chelsea, Iowa; and Edna Elizabeth, who died when seven years of age.

Mr. Bever is a loyal and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and he maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades through his membership with the Grand Army of the Republic. His record is one of which he may well be proud, for his success has been worthily won, representing the fit utilization of talents and opportunities, while his personal qualities have ever been such as to win the high regard of his fellowmen.

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### JOHN MEYER.

Among the many worthy citizens which Germany has contributed to Poweshiek county must be included the late John Meyer, who for twenty years was identified with the agricultural development of Sheridan township. He was a native of Weisenbach, his birth occurring there on the 2d of December, 1832, and a son of Henry and Elizabeth Meyer, who spent their entire lives in the fatherland, their deaths taking place in the early '60s. The father, who was a farmer, also engaged in wagon-making with his brothers.

John Meyer was reared at home, acquiring his education in the common schools of his native land and giving his father such assistance as he could in the cultivation of the farm. He remained a member of the paternal household until he had attained the age of twenty-three years, when he decided that better opportunities must exist in America for those with sufficient energy to avail themselves of them, so he took passage for the United States. Landing in New York he immediately made his way westward to Wisconsin, first locating in the vicinity of Fond du Lac, where he obtained employment as a farm hand. In the early '60's he removed to Bureau county, Illinois, where he continued to be identified with the same work until 1871, at which time he came to Poweshiek county, Iowa, settling in section 34, Sheridan township, where he worked out by the day for two years.

Possessing all of the thrift and energy which characterizes the Teutonic race he had always saved a portion of his meager salary and in 1873 he purchased a threshing machine, which he operated until he had acquired the capital to enable him to become a property holder. He first bought a quarter section in Sheridan township, on a portion of which the old homestead now stands, later selling eighty acres of it to William Pickhard, and in 1882 he disposed of another forty acres. Sometime thereafter, however, he purchased two hundred and eighty acres in sections 21 and 28 of this township. He always engaged in general farming and stock-raising, making a most gratifying success of both ventures, owning at the time of his demise one hundred and twenty acres of land, all of which is in a high state of cultivation and well improved.

On the 30th of September, 1880, Mr. Meyer was united in marriage to Miss Angelica Schmidt, a daughter of Adam and Anna Elizabeth (Seibel) Schmidt, natives of Germany, where they spent their entire lives. The father, who was a blacksmith, came from Breidenbach, and the mother from Breidenstein. Mr.

Schmidt who served in the German army having participated in the war of 1848, passed away in 1866, his wife dying in March of the same year. Mrs. Meyer, who was born in Breidenbach, on the 23d of December, 1855, continued to reside in Germany until she was twenty-one years of age. On the 16th of July, 1877, in company with some relatives, she took passage for the United States, disembarking in New York. Upon her arrival in this country she immediately came to Grinnell, where she was met by her brother, Adam Schmidt, a farmer of Sheridan township, for whom she kept house until her marriage. Six children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Meyer, the order of their births being as follows: Anna Elizabeth, who was married on the 8th of March, 1910, to Fred Deedrick, by Professor L. C. Parker; Mary Cornelia, the wife of William Ahrens, to whom she was married on the 4th of April, 1906, and who have three children, Alice Mildred, Stanley Raymond, and Lucille H.; John, who is living on his mother's farm on sections 21 and 28, and who married Della Shaw, a daughter of Press Shaw, a farmer of Chester township, on the 16th of September, 1910, and who have one child, Claire Clifton, eight months old; Henry Edward, who is nineteen years of age. Rose Miriam, now aged seventeen years, and Edith Margaret, who is thirteen years of age, are living at home with their mother. The family all hold membership in the German Lutheran church of Malcom township.

His political allegiance Mr. Meyer always gave to the democratic party, being a strong advocate of the principles of that body. He took an active and helpful interest in township affairs and served for some time on the board of school directors. He was in every sense of the word a self-made man. Having come to the United States without capital he had by his own unaided efforts acquired one of the valuable farms of Poweshiek county, being regarded as one of the substantial agriculturists of Sheridan township at the time of his demise on the 2d of July, 1910. Some time prior to his death he had been compelled to withdraw from active supervision of his property, owing to the state of his health, his last illness covering a period of about one year.

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### THOMAS MANATT.

With the history of public development and progress in Poweshiek county the name of Manatt is closely identified, the family being established in this locality at an early day, since which time representatives of the name have been connected with various pioneer enterprises and also with the subsequent growth of the community. Of this number Thomas Manatt has been prominent and successful, not only along agricultural lines, but also in commercial circles, and he is now living retired.

He was born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, July 10, 1830, a son of Robert and Sarah (Pedlar) Manatt. The parents were born in Ireland, about fourteen miles from Belfast, and were there married. They came to the United States about 1812 with one child, then about six months old, and took up their abode



in Somerset county, Pennsylvania. About 1831 they removed to Holmes county, Ohio, where the mother passed away, and there the father remained until 1847, when he brought his family to Poweshiek county, Iowa, and here cast in his lot with the pioneer settlers of this region. He drove the entire distance from the Ohio home and thirty-three days were passed ere he reached his destination. Upon arriving in this county Mr. Manatt entered land from the government, his claim being located on the present site of Brooklyn. This was still a frontier district. There were only three families in the neighborhood at the time of his arrival and on every hand were to be found evidences of pioneer life. During the first season the family resided in Washington county, while a clearing was made and a house erected on the claim in Bear Creek township. For a number of years Mr. Manatt's attention was given entirely to the development and improvement of his land and throughout his whole life he was actively connected with agricultural pursuits. In 1851 or 1852 he brought the first threshing machine into Poweshiek county and later, in 1853, introduced the first harvester. It was the McCormick reaper, which at that time was becoming very popular throughout the Mississippi valley, and everyone within a radius of many miles came to see the new invention working in the fields. Success followed closely upon his efforts and as the years passed he invested extensively in property, entering or purchasing farm land for almost all of his children, while he became the owner of about one thousand acres.

Later he platted a part of this land and erected the second hotel in Bear Creek township, which he operated in connection with his agricultural pursuits. He conducted that hotel during the last eight or ten years of his life, and there entertained probably all of the first settlers of this district. He became one of the prominent, substantial and influential residents of Poweshiek county and left a most enviable record at the time of his demise. He passed away in 1864, when he had attained the age of seventy-two years. By his first wife, who passed away in Holmes county, Ohio, in 1837, he had ten children. Of this number the eldest, Eliza, became the wife of William Scott, and at her death left two children. Robert, the eldest son, was married, and at the time of his death in 1863 left a widow and eight children, five sons and three daughters. This number included; Professor Irving Manatt, of Brown University; Sampson, who passed away leaving a widow and one child; Sarah, the wife of Eugene Mason, of Warren township; Mrs. Ellen Martin, a widow, living in Warren township; Rebecca, deceased; Albert, of Brooklyn; Robert, and John. John, the third child of Robert Manatt, Sr., died leaving a widow and five children; William has also passed away, leaving a widow and family; Susan married Jesse Gwin and passed away, leaving three sons and three daughters; James is a resident of Brooklyn; Thomas, of this review, is the seventh in order of birth. Sarah Jane, now deceased, married John Talbott, by whom she had five children; Irving passed away, leaving a widow and four daughters; and Scott, the youngest, is also deceased. For his second wife Mr. Manatt chose Miss Margaret Mitchell, the ceremony being performed in Holmes county, Ohio. Mrs. Manatt was a native of Ireland and her death occurred in Brooklyn, Iowa. Unto this union were born four children, as follows: George, a resident of Grinnell; Margaret, the widow of John McBroom, of Indiana; David, a resident of Brooklyn; and Alex, deceased.



who met his death while serving in the Civil war as a member of the Twenty-eighth Iowa Infantry.

When but six months old Thomas Manatt, whose name introduces this review, left his native state of Pennsylvania and was taken by his parents to Holmes county, Ohio. There he spent the period of his boyhood and early youth and was but a lad of seventeen years when the long and tedious journey was made to the new home on the Iowa prairies. With the other members of his father's family he aided in the arduous task of clearing the land and developing a new farm, and he continued to give his father the benefit of his assistance until his marriage, when he started out independently on his own account. His first step in the business world was as a farmer, and for twenty-three years he was engaged in agricultural pursuits with constantly increasing success. At the expiration of that period he removed to Brooklyn, and for a number of years was engaged in the furniture and hardware business. His efforts along that line were equally successful and when he retired from business some years ago it was with a competency which ranked him among the substantial and well-to-do residents of Brooklyn. His realty holdings include seven hundred acres of land, located near the town, and all of this land can be seen from his attractive home in Brooklyn.

It was on the 12th of April, 1855, that Mr. Manatt was united in marriage to Miss Clarissa A. Winchester, who was born in New York November 3, 1836. In 1854 she came to Iowa with her parents, Cornelius and Chloe G. Winchester, natives of New York, both of whom passed away in this county. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Manatt have been born seven children, as follows: Robert Francis, of Des Moines, Iowa; Sarah Chloe, the wife of William Sutton, also of that city; Ida A., who married F. P. Shrader, a druggist of Brooklyn; Effie G., the wife of F. E. Stiteley, of Dixon, Illinois; Laura, residing in Des Moines; Albertus E., of California; and Thomas B., who passed away at the age of three years.

Mr. Manatt holds membership in the Presbyterian church, and his political support is given to the republican party. He has held all of the township offices and has ever been a loyal, public-spirited citizen, to whom the public welfare of the community has ever been of deep interest. He has resided within the borders of Poweshiek county for sixty-four years, and during that period has watched its gradual growth and development and at the same time has done his share toward the work of improvement.

He readily remembers when, as a lad of seventeen years, he drove with his father from their home in Ohio to the new home on the Iowa frontier, and recalls a remark made by his father as they drove through the timberland of this district to the effect that "There is timber enough here for about one hundred families," believing that to be about all this section could then support. They could not then foresee the time when that timber should all be cleared away, the vast prairies be converted into fields of grain and the commonwealth of Iowa should become one of the richest and most productive agricultural states of the Union.

At that time mail was carried twice a week on horseback from Iowa City to Des Moines, and the nearest mill was located at Oskaloosa. It required some time to drive to the mill and when the water was low it often took a week to

make the trip. But with the westward march of civilization pioneer customs have given way to new and more progressive methods and none has taken a greater interest and pride in the growth of the county and state than has Thomas Manatt, whose own growth has been simultaneous with that of the community and whose career has exemplified the same spirit of progress. The success which has come to him has been well merited and is a matter of gratification because of the comforts he has been able to provide for his family. He has traveled to some extent and spent one winter in Europe for the purpose of visiting his father's birthplace. For the past seven years Mr. Manatt has spent the winter seasons in southern California.

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### CHARLES EISELE.

Among the many men who have kept pace with the progress of Poweshiek county and whose substantial success is representative of the prosperity of the agricultural community of Malcom township, is Charles Eisele. One of Illinois' native sons, he was born in Bureau county, near Princeton, on the 27th of February, 1859. He is a son of Andrew and Philippina (Wentzel) Eisele, Germans by birth, who are mentioned at length in connection with the sketch of Mr. Eisele's brother, J. F. Eisele. He was nine years of age when brought by his parents from Illinois to Poweshiek county, and his education, which had been begun in his native state, was completed in the schools of Malcom township.

Reared amid the busy activities of rural life he early learned habits of industry, perseverance and thrift, and under the wise guidance of his parents received that substantial training for the practical affairs of life which has made possible his latter-day prosperity. He remained at home until the time of his marriage, when he entered the business world on his own account, purchasing his present home farm of one hundred and twenty acres, located on section 11, Malcom township, in 1881. That his knowledge of agricultural pursuits was thorough and comprehensive is indicated by the fact that almost from the beginning his success has been continuous and substantial, and as he has prospered he has wisely invested in other property from time to time, being now the owner of one hundred and twenty acres of land on section 13, this township, and two hundred acres on section 34, Bear Creek township. All of this land is well improved and highly developed, and with the exception of the home place, which is operated by Mr. Eisele, is leased to other farmers, returning to the owner a good annual rental. Although a portion of his revenue is obtained through the cultivation of his fields, he devotes most of his attention to his stock-raising interests, finding that his operations in that direction have been well requited. His shipments average about twelve carloads of cattle and seven carloads of hogs annually, and because of the good grade of his stock he receives excellent returns on the market. He is a stockholder in the Poweshiek County Central Agricultural Association of Malcom, and is deeply interested in any movement which is calculated to promote progress and advancement along agricultural and kindred lines.



CHARLES EISELE AND FAMILY





On the 15th of March, 1881, Mr. Eisele was united in marriage to Miss Frances Schroder, who was born in Prussia, Germany, on the 17th of July, 1863, and with her widowed mother came to the United States in the spring of 1868. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Eisele have been born five children, as follows: Mary, the wife of Ernest Spading, of Bear Creek township; George, of Malcom, who is married and has one son, Earl Walter, who is the first of the fifth generation of the Eisele family in America; Frank Andrew, who passed away at the age of five years; Harry, who is fourteen years old and is yet at home; and Eli, ten years of age, and also still under the parental roof.

The entire family are members of the German Lutheran church and occupy a high place in the community in which they reside. Mr. Eisele gives his support to the democratic party, but he is not active politically nor is he an aspirant for office. He prefers to concentrate his entire attention upon his business interests which, carefully managed, are proving the source of a very substantial fortune. His private life has ever been such as to command for him the respect and esteem of all who know him, and he stands as a splendid example of the power and force of honorable manhood, of earnest effort and of high principle.

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#### THEODORE H. MITHELMANN.

By means of perseverance and well directed effort Theodore H. Mithelmann acquired the excellent farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Sheridan township, in the cultivation of which he is still engaged. He is a native of the province of Mecklenburg, Germany, his natal day being the 24th of November, 1851, and his parents John Henry and Sophia (Strickoff) Mithelmann, who spent their entire lives in the fatherland where the father was a farmer and day laborer.

Theodore H. Mithelmann attended the common schools of his native land and assisted his father until he was fourteen years of age at which time he began working out by the year. He ran away from home when he attained his majority and came to America, landing in New York, from which city he made his way westward to Indiana, where he obtained employment with a railroad construction gang. Later he went to Illinois, securing a position on a farm near Joliet, where he remained for five years and then came to Iowa, first locating in Kellogg, Jasper county, where he again worked on the railroad. He was energetic and thrifty and was striving to save sufficient money to enable him to acquire some land, so withdrawing from his position on the railroad he came to Poweshiek county, where he worked on a farm for a time and then bought one hundred and sixty acres on section 34, Sheridan township, where he still continues to live. His property is well improved and drained, the fields readily yielding abundant harvests which net good financial returns in response to the labor and care expended upon them.

While yet a resident of Illinois Mr. Mithelmann was united in marriage to Miss Vilamania Topp on the 4th of December, 1874. Mrs. Mithelmann is a daughter of the late Joe Topp, at that time a farmer of Mokena, Illinois. Following the marriage of their daughter, however, Mr. and Mrs. Topp removed to

Kellogg, where they continued to reside until the death of Mrs. Topp, April, 1891, after which he made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Mithelmann, until he passed away on the 21st of March, 1896. Ten children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Mithelmann: William, who was born in 1875 and is a farmer in North Dakota; Herman, who was born in 1878, and is now living on a farm near the old homestead; Rosa, born in 1882, now the wife of Jacob C. Schultz, a farmer of Sheridan township; Fred, born in 1884, also a farmer of Sheridan township; and Ehner and George, who were born in 1890 and 1898 respectively, both of whom are at home. Four are deceased: Louis, who passed away at the age of twelve years; Lizzie, who died at the age of two weeks; and twins, who died three days after birth and before being baptized. The family are all affiliated with the German Lutheran church at Malcom township.

Mr. Mithelmann's political views coincide with those of the republican party, for whose candidates he always casts his ballot, and he is at present and has been for six years a member of the board of school directors of district No. 8, which is the only public office he has ever held. He is one of the enterprising as well as progressive citizens of his community, and is recognized as one of the substantial agriculturists of Sheridan township.

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#### FRANK C. SCHULTZ.

Frank C. Schultz, a well known and successful agriculturist of Sheridan township, makes his home on section 27. The farm on which he now resides was the place of his birth, his natal day being April 11, 1881. A sketch of his parents, Gust J. and Marie (Eisele) Schultz, appears on another page of this volume. He was reared to manhood on the home farm, attending the district schools in the winter seasons and assisting his father in the work of the fields during the summer months. In the year 1902 he continued his studies in the Malcom high school. He remained under the parental roof until 1904, when he was married and established a home of his own, renting from his father a tract of one hundred and twenty acres on sections 28 and 23, where he carried on general agricultural pursuits for three years. On the expiration of that period he took up his abode on the old homestead farm on section 27, where he has resided continuously since, renting and cultivating four hundred and ten acres of land belonging to his father. He raises the cereals best adapted to soil and climate and also devotes considerable attention to stock, feeding both cattle and hogs for the market.

On the 29th of March, 1904, Mr. Schultz was united in marriage to Miss Leah Hinshaw, a daughter of Tillman P. and Laura (Hetherington) Hinshaw. The father, a native of Pleasant Plain, Jefferson county, Iowa, was a railroad conductor, being employed by the Missouri Pacific at the time of his demise, which occurred at Greenleaf, Kansas, in 1886. Mrs. Schultz's mother passed away at Maynard, Fayette county, Iowa, on the 3d of March, 1908. Mrs. Schultz supplemented her preliminary education, obtained in the public schools, by study in the academy at Pleasant Plain, Iowa, and the Iowa Wesleyan University at

Mount Pleasant. For two years prior to her marriage she followed the profession of teaching. Mr. and Mrs. Schultz now have one daughter, Esther Marie, whose birth occurred on the 13th of October, 1906.

Mr. Schultz gives his political allegiance to the democracy and is now serving as president and director of the school board. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, to which his wife also belongs. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Malcom, while his wife belongs to the Rebekahs. Mr. Schultz has remained a resident of this community from his birth to the present time and enjoys an enviable reputation as an enterprising agriculturist and representative citizen.

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### JACOB SOLOMON EGULF.

Very nearly three years have elapsed since the demise of Jacob Solomon Egulf, who was engaged in the cultivation of one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 29, Madison township.

He was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, on the 1st of February, 1862, and was a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Adams) Egulf, natives of the Keystone state but of German extraction. The mother passed away on the 3d of September, 1863, at the age of thirty-five years, four months and two days. Some time thereafter Mr. Egulf, who was a farmer and logging teamster, was remarried. The latter years of his life he passed in the home of his son, John Egulf, who resided in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, and there his demise occurred in 1906.

Jacob Solomon Egulf, who was little more than one year of age when his mother passed away, was reared by an uncle, Andrew Hiner, who was a tradesman and farmer of that vicinity. His education was obtained in the common schools of his native state and after completing his education he went to work in a mill, where he remained until he was twenty years of age. In 1882 he came west to Iowa, locating in Bear Creek township north of Brooklyn, Poweshiek county. There he worked for a time on the farm of Billy Kuntz, following which he entered the employ of Elliott Shadbolt, who is now living in Grinnell, continuing in his employment for four years. At the expiration of that period he accepted a position with Samuel Graham, a farmer of Madison township, in whose service he also remained for four years. He subsequently worked for Joshua Leonard, a resident of the same township, with whom he remained until 1894. In the latter year he rented a farm belonging to Ned Ackley of Madison township, which he cultivated for a year. At the end of that period he removed to the Lang farm, which he operated for three years and the farm of Melrose Carpenter for one. Having finally acquired the necessary capital to enable him to become a landowner he in 1899 purchased and removed to one hundred and twenty-five acres of land in Madison township, on section 24. He paid fifty dollars per acre for this land and in 1907 he added to his holdings another thirty-five acres.

On the 6th of March, 1895, Mr. Egulf was married to Miss Ellen Simpson, a daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Mellwrath) Simpson, who at that time were living in Antrim county, Ireland. Mr. Simpson attended the training school at Dublin and after his graduation was for thirty years engaged in teaching in the Carninney National School in Antrim county, Ireland. He is a man of excellent education but is now living retired, engaging in farming on a small scale for a pastime. Mr. and Mrs. Simpson spent two months in the United States about nine years ago visiting their daughter, Mrs. Egulf. Three children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Egulf, the order of their birth being as follows: Alice Irene, aged fourteen years; Arthur, aged ten years; and Elizabeth, who has passed her seventh anniversary. The children all attend the district No. 4 school in Madison township. Mr. Egulf died on the 4th of December, 1908, after an illness of three days caused by inhaling smoke from a defective flue. Ever since his demise Mrs. Egulf has continued to reside upon the homestead, where she engages in general farming and the raising and feeding of stock for the market.

Mr. Egulf was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Madison township, with which his wife is also affiliated. A republican, he gave his political support to the men and measures of that body, although he was never an office seeker. During the period of his residence in Madison township Mr. Egulf had won and retained the friendship of many people, by whom he was highly regarded.

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#### HENRY SHERMAN.

Henry Sherman, who for more than fifty years past has made his home in Chester township, is of distinguished colonial ancestry, the list of members of the family containing the names of a number of the most noted men that have been known in American history. He is a native of Croydon, New Hampshire, and was born September 10, 1832, a son of William, Jr., and Mahala (Durkee) Sherman. The father was born in Croydon, December 25, 1801, and was a son of William Sherman, Sr., who was born in Massachusetts. The mother was a granddaughter of Phineas Newton, an early settler of New Hampshire and a veteran of the Revolutionary war. William Sherman, Jr., the father, and his family came to Hancock county, Illinois, in 1849, later spending four years in Clinton county, Iowa, and finally locating in Poweshiek county. In 1855 he purchased eight hundred acres of land, in Chester township, from Joseph Cushman and on this place established his homestead. He died in 1884, having reached the age of eighty-three years. There were five children in his family: Jason, Newton, Wilson, Henry, of this review, and Cynthia.

As indicated above the Sherman family has given birth to many of the leading men of America. In the list may be named Roger Sherman, a signer of the Declaration of Independence and one of the most distinguished members of the colonies; General William Tecumseh Sherman, who gained his laurels as a commander in the Civil war; Hon. John Sherman, of Ohio, late secretary of state, who was author of the anti-trust law; James Schoolcraft Sherman, now vice





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president of the United States; Buren R. Sherman, late governor of Iowa; and many others who have assisted nobly in public office or as private citizens in building the nation. The family originated in Germany, but migrated to England several hundred years ago. One of the prominent English members, Thomas Sherman, was born in Yaxley, Suffolk county, and moved to Dedham, Essex county. He was the father of Henry, who was the father of Henry, Jr., and the latter was the father of John, Edmund and Samuel, each of whom is worthy of special mention. John was the father of Captain John, of Watertown, Massachusetts. Edmund was the father of Samuel and Rev. John, the former of whom became a magistrate in Connecticut and was the ancestor of General Sherman and Hon. John Sherman. Samuel Sherman was the father of Philip, of Rhode Island, secretary of that colony and a man of large means. Among his descendants may be named Rev. David H. Sherman, the genealogist, Hon. Buren H. Sherman, who became governor of Iowa, and James Schoolcraft Sherman, vice president of the United States. Captain John Sherman was the ancestor of Roger Sherman, Senators Depew and Hoar, Secretary Evarts, Roger Minot Sherman and Roger Sherman Baldwin of Connecticut, Rev. Josiah Sherman and General Sidney Sherman. Captain John was born at Dedham in Essex county, England, in 1613 and came to America in 1634, locating at Watertown, Massachusetts. He married Martha Palmer, a daughter of William Palmer, who was also his stepfather, and received the title of captain in honor of services rendered in connection with King Philip's war. He served two terms in the general assembly and was steward of Harvard College from 1652 to 1662. John Sherman, son of Joseph, was one of the ancestors of the subject of this review. He located about 1710 at Marlboro, Massachusetts, and married Anna Bullen. He was also a member of the general assembly, as had been his father and grandfather; and his son, Ephraim, and nephew, Roger Sherman, later were elected to the same body. Jason, son of Samuel and great-great-grandson of Captain John, was born at Marlboro in 1745 and settled on land near Barre, Worcester county, Massachusetts, the place still being known as the Sherman farm. He was a soldier of the Revolution and held the rank of sergeant. His eldest son, William, was the grandfather of our subject. William moved to Croydon, New Hampshire, in 1799, when he was twenty-one years of age, and became known as an honored and thrifty farmer. He married Polly Stockwell, a daughter of David Stockwell, who was a corporal in the Revolutionary war. It is interesting to note that the Shermans throughout the country are almost invariably descended from some one of the four cousins mentioned above, namely: Captain John, Rev. John, Samuel and Philip.

Mr. Sherman, whose name introduces this sketch, possessed advantages of education in the public schools of Illinois and in a private school of New Hampshire. He engaged in teaching for a short time in Clinton county, Iowa, but as a young man was attracted to farming and arrived in Poweshiek county in search of a favorable location in the spring of 1857. There were few settlers in this region previous to the Civil war, as is indicated by the election of 1860, when Chester township was organized, and the total number of votes cast amounted to fourteen. Mr. Sherman has engaged in farming continuously ever since taking up his residence in this county, and applied himself with such diligence that he became the owner of one hundred and seventy-four acres, upon which he made

all the improvements. He now owns eighty acres, having given a portion of his farm to his son. He has devoted his attention to general farming, making a specialty of raising and feeding cattle, and his efforts have met with well merited reward.

On March 24, 1857, Mr. Sherman was married to Miss Almira Dudley, a daughter of William Dudley. The ancestry of the Dudley family has been traced back for nearly one thousand years in England, the family centering at Dudley castle, one of the historical structures of the middle ages. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Sherman: Mrs. Fannie H. Rutherford, of Boulder, Colorado, whose husband engages in the carpenter's trade and is also a farmer; Elmer H., who died at the age of two years; and Ralph, who is engaged in farming in Poweshiek county and has served as member of the state legislature. The husband and children were called upon to mourn the death of the beloved wife and mother March 7, 1904. She was a woman of many noble traits of character and was greatly esteemed by those who came within the circle of her influence.

In politics Mr. Sherman has voted the national republican ticket ever since the organization of the party. He has held the offices of county supervisor and township trustee, also for many years serving as member of the school board. His religious belief is indicated by membership in the Congregational church. He was a founder of the local branch of the church and is one of its deacons. On account of his long residence in the county and his genial and pleasing characteristics he is widely known and few men in this section are more deeply respected. Always loyal to his chosen state and mindful of the best interests of the community with which he cast his lot, he has ably performed his part and is truly entitled to a permanent place in the record of Poweshiek county.

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#### DAVID BYERS.

David Byers, now deceased, was numbered among Iowa's honored veterans of the Civil war who, responding to his adopted country's call for aid in the darkest hour of her history, served throughout almost the entire period of hostilities.

He is one of Canada's donations to the citizenship of Iowa, his birth having occurred in Montreal on the 18th of March, 1840. His parents were David and Mary (Dunbar) Byers, both of whom were born and reared in County Down Ireland. In 1839 they came to this country, locating at Montreal, Canada. The father, an agriculturist by occupation, was engaged in the operation of a farm at that place until 1843, when the opportunities of the United States attracted his attention and, crossing the border line, he made his way to Rock Island, Illinois. There he purchased a farm, upon which he resided until 1867, in which year he came to Poweshiek county, Iowa, and here located upon a farm which he bought about eight miles south of Brooklyn. That remained his home for eighteen years, or until his failing health caused his retirement from active life. He then took up his residence in Brooklyn and there remained until his death in



1809, having survived his wife for three years, her death also occurring in this city.

David Byers was in his third year when brought to the United States and he remained with his parents in the Illinois home until the spring of 1861, when the outbreak of the Civil war awoke a spirit of patriotism within him that prompted his enlistment for service in the Union army. Accordingly he enlisted at Rock Island, Illinois, as a soldier in Company A, Thirty-seventh Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and with that command served for four years, ten months and twenty-eight days. He took part in the battle of Pea Ridge and many of the important engagements of the war, being wounded at the battle of Perry Grove, Arkansas. Unlike many who were quick to respond to the country's call, he did not regard his duty over at the close of his first or even his second term of enlistment, but remained at the front until after all Confederate troops had laid down their arms, receiving honorable discharge on May 15, 1866, in Houston, Texas, after an active, brave and efficient service on the battle fields of the south.

After his military services were no longer needed he returned north and, making his way to Poweshiek county, purchased a farm in Scott township about eight miles south of Brooklyn and there carried on agricultural pursuits. That remained his home for only four years, however, for his health, which had never been strong after his military experience, compelled him to withdraw from farm labor and he took up his abode in Brooklyn, where he passed away on the 13th of January, 1892.

On the 16th of February, 1867, Mr. Byers married Miss Maria Louise Robb, a daughter of Jacob and Louisa (Washington) Robb. The father, who was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, was a son of James Robb, also a native of that county, and came of English lineage. The mother was born in Connellsville, Pennsylvania, about forty miles east of Pittsburg, and was of German descent. Jacob Robb, who followed the trades of tailor and brickmason, removed with his family to Rock Island, Illinois, in 1851, when his daughter Maria Louise was but eighteen months old, and later located on a farm in Mercer county, about sixteen miles southwest of Rock Island. There he continued his residence until the fall of 1880, when he removed to Missouri and there passed away. He had seen service in the Union army at the time of the Civil war, enlisting on the 5th of August, 1862, from Mercer county, Illinois, in Company C, One Hundred and Second Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He was discharged at Galveston in March of the following year, however, because of disability. His death occurred in the fall of 1881, while he was residing at Brashear, Missouri. Subsequently his widow made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Byers, at Brooklyn, for thirteen years, after which she returned to her home in Missouri and there passed away on the 22d of October, 1904. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Byers was blessed with one daughter, Mary Louisa, who died at the age of four years.

With the death of Mr. Byers Poweshiek county lost a public-spirited and representative citizen, who had ever remained as loyal to the interests of his adopted country during the days of peace as when following the old flag on southern battle fields. He was a republican in politics and for several years served as a member of the school board of Scott township, ever remaining a staunch friend to the cause of education. He held membership in John T. Drake Post, No. 332, G. A.

R., of Brooklyn, while he and his wife belonged to the Presbyterian church, in the work of which they were interested and helpful. Mrs. Byers now attends the Methodist Episcopal church of Brooklyn, however. She is serving for the third year as treasurer of the Woman's Relief Corps of John T. Drake Post, No. 332, G. A. R., and is also a member of Rebekah Lodge, No. 202, at Brooklyn. She now makes her home in Brooklyn, having sold her farm a few years subsequent to her arrival here, and has gathered about her a large number of warm friends, who hold her in the highest respect and esteem for her many excellent qualities of heart and mind.

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#### WILLIAM MANATT.

Perhaps few names are better known in this community than that of Manatt, and he whose name introduces this review was long recognized as one of the most prominent, well-to-do and respected citizens of Poweshiek county. He was numbered among those of eastern birth who sought and found on the broad prairies of the rapidly growing west opportunities for advancement in their chosen vocation, and in the wise utilization of those opportunities met with a success which was at once substantial and honorable. A native of Washington county, Pennsylvania, he was born on the 14th of July, 1823, a son of Robert and Sarah (Peddlar) Manatt, both of Irish lineage. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, carried on that pursuit in Poweshiek county for a time, and in February, 1864, passed away in Bear Creek township.

On the home farm in the Keystone state William Manatt spent the period of his boyhood and youth, there assisting his father in the cultivation of the fields, and the experience thus obtained was both thorough and practical. He remained with his parents, until the year 1849, when he made his way to Ohio and later in the same year came to Iowa, locating in Bear Creek township, Poweshiek county. This was but a short time after the admission of Iowa to the Union and vast stretches of her prairies were still unbroken and much land was still unclaimed. Entering one of these undeveloped tracts from the government Mr. Manatt at once began its improvement and through the succeeding years was actively and helpfully identified with the growth and development of Poweshiek county through his activities along agricultural lines.

It is not necessary here to dwell upon the sturdy characteristics which carried him through the difficult and arduous task of converting his raw land into productive fields nor the methods which he later pursued in its further cultivation and improvement, for these are all shadowed forth in the excellent results which ultimately attended his efforts, making him one of the best known and most substantial agriculturists of this county. The old homestead upon which he first located now stands in the very heart of the growing city of Brooklyn, and about this as a nucleus he established, by subsequent purchases as prosperity came to him, an estate consisting of fifteen hundred acres of as valuable land as can be found in Poweshiek or adjoining counties. The property is divided into various farms, all highly improved and developed, which

since his demise have been leased to other farmers although the estate still remains intact.

In 1863 Mr. Manatt was united in marriage, in Holmes county, Ohio, to Miss Roxie Shrimplian, who was born on the 30th of November, 1840, a daughter of Oliver and Sybil (Chapman) Shrimplian. The father, a farmer by occupation, was born in Holmes county, Ohio, and was of German ancestry, while the mother came from old Yankee stock, her birth occurring in Connecticut. They were married in Ohio and passed their remaining days in Holmes county, that state, the father passing away in 1896 and the mother in 1874. After the death of his first wife Mr. Shrimplian was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Sarah Reynolds, of Holmes county. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Manatt were born six children, of whom two, Bertie and Orphia, passed away in infancy. The surviving members of the family are: Lola Ada, the wife of W. W. Cardell, a well known attorney of Perry, Iowa, who by a former marriage had one son, Walter Simms Cardell; Nellie, who married Albert Sherwood, now living retired in Brooklyn; Thursia, who makes her home with her mother; and Coe H., who married Miss Nellie Jones, of Brooklyn, where he is now living retired, devoting his entire attention to the management of his father's estate.

Mr. Manatt passed away on the 29th of January, 1906, in the home where his widow and daughter now live and which had been his place of residence for forty-two years. He was a democrat in politics, taking a great interest in the welfare of the community in which he had resided for more than a half century, and by the consensus of public opinion ranked among the best known, wealthiest and most highly respected citizens of the county, the family being one of the oldest and best in this locality.

Mrs. Manatt belongs to the Christian church at Brooklyn, in the work of which she is deeply and helpfully interested, and is a lady of the most estimable character. She has long been prominent in the social circles of Brooklyn, and her home is the center of a large circle of warm friends.

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#### HARLAN MACY.

The cultivation of his fine homestead of two hundred and ninety acres has for some years engaged the attention of Harlan Macy, who was born on the 30th of January, 1873, in Sugar Creek township, Poweshiek county.

He is a son of Seth and Abigail (Gause) Macy, both natives of Henry county, Indiana, the father having been born on the 24th of November, 1836, and the mother on the 1st of March, 1837. Mr. Macy was educated in the schools of his native state, where he resided until he was twenty years of age, when he migrated with his father to this county. Upon their arrival here they located in Sugar Creek township, where Mr. Macy later purchased a farm, in the cultivation of which he engaged until two years before his death which occurred in 1905. Mrs. Macy still survives and now makes her home with her son Harlan. Mr. Macy voted with the democratic party, to whose principles



he was always loyal. Four children were born of their union: Ella, the wife of W. R. Allee, of Sugar Creek township; Elgar B., who is a resident of Lynnville, Iowa; Charles O., living in the same place; and Harlan, our subject.

Harlan Macy pursued his education in the common schools of Lynnville and Oskaloosa, after the completion of which he became identified with agricultural pursuits, thus qualifying himself for the vocation in which he is meeting with such excellent success. When he felt he was fully qualified to manage and satisfactorily and successfully supervise the operation of a farm he purchased his present homestead, which contains two hundred and ninety acres of land. He has made quite extensive improvements upon the place since locating here, and now owns one of the attractive and valuable properties of the township. General farming and stock-raising are his main sources of revenue, both yielding very satisfactory returns under his direction.

On the 3d of March, 1896, Mr. Macy married Miss Louolie Northcutt, who was born in Sugar Creek township, Poweshiek county, Iowa, on the 12th of June, 1876. Mrs. Macy is a daughter of Frank and Elizabeth (Allee) Northcutt, of Lynnville, Iowa, and natives of Jasper county. The former, who has always been connected with agricultural activities is now a ditch contractor and farmer of Jasper county. Politically he votes for the republican candidates and in matters of religion he and his wife affiliate with the Society of Friends. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Macy consists of four sons and a daughter, the order of birth being as follows: Wendell Harlan, who was born on the 16th of January, 1897; Harold Franklin, born on the 10th of August, 1898; Grace Elizabeth, born on the 6th of June, 1901; Seth Herman, whose birth occurred on Christmas, 1905; and Loring Kenneth, born on the 12th of March, 1908.

In politics Mr. Macy always supports the democracy, and has served both as school director and township clerk for several years. He is practical in his methods and progressive in his ideas, thus being able to intelligently adapt new theories to his requirements, which is the great secret of success in any undertaking.

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#### PHILANDER D. BURTON.

One of the older settlers of Poweshiek county, who for many years was actively and prominently identified not only with the agricultural but commercial development of the county is Philander D. Burton, who was born at Piketon, Ohio, on the 27th of September, 1840. His parents were William and Elizabeth (Grant) Burton, the father a native of Vermont and the mother of Connecticut. William Burton, who was a graduate of Dartmouth College, was a Presbyterian minister and a man of fine mind and more than average power in the pulpit. His voice having failed, it at length became necessary for him to withdraw from his profession, and so, in 1854, in company with J. B. Grinnell and others he came west, purchasing six hundred and forty acres of land, which he expected to cultivate. He returned to Austinburg, Ohio, where he was living at that time, to dispose of his interests, intending to move his family to Iowa. However, he encountered more difficulty in settling up his affairs than





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he had anticipated and passed away before he had succeeded in adjusting matters so that he could move. Mr. Burton, who was sixty-eight years of age at the time of his demise on the 12th of March, 1858, was a veteran of the war of 1812. Some time after his death his wife and family came to Iowa, locating upon the farm near Grinnell, and later removing to that city, where Mrs. Burton passed away on the 1st of April, 1885.

Philander D. Burton, who was one of a family of seven children, was a lad of eight years when his parents removed from his native town to Ashtabula, Ohio, in the common schools of which city he acquired his education. Having attained manhood when the call came for troops in 1861, he enlisted in the Fourteenth Ohio Battery and went to the front on the 20th of August, that year. He saw much active service and participated in many sharp skirmishes and several notable battles, among the latter being those of Shiloh, Fort Donelson and Corinth. At Holly Spring, Mississippi, he was captured by the rebels, but paroled and sent to Memphis, Tennessee, in November, 1862, and from there to Columbus, Ohio. On the 24th of September, 1863, he was mustered out, having served a little more than two years. He then returned home, where he remained during the fall and winter, and in the spring of 1864 he and his brother Edward came to Iowa. They did not remain here, however, but went back to Ohio and it was not until 1865 that they located permanently in Poweshiek county, where our subject and his brothers William and Theodore engaged in farming in Malcom township until 1869. William went to California in 1875 and now lives in Nebraska. In 1869 P. D. Burton purchased land in Grinnell township, two miles from the city of Grinnell, and there made his home until 1876, when he removed to Montezuma, having been elected clerk of the county court, in which capacity he served for two terms. He then embarked in the book and drug business at Grinnell, which he carried on successfully until, owing to ill health, he was compelled to withdraw from the firm of Johnson & Burton in 1884. He then removed to Armour, South Dakota, where he made his home for four years, but as the climate did not agree with him there and he had frozen his feet he returned to Iowa in 1889, purchasing land adjacent to Iowa College, Grinnell, where he now lives retired. He engaged in the real-estate business in Grinnell for five years at one time, and he was also vice president of the Grinnell Savings Bank for twelve, while he was one of the organizers of the Granger store as well as one of the directors and a stockholder.

In Madison, Ohio, on the 5th of February, 1868, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Burton and Miss Ruby Merriman, a daughter of Dr. Andrus Merriman, of Ohio. Four children were born of this union: Frank M., a resident of Des Moines; Arthur M., who is married and living in Grinnell; Kate, the wife of the Rev. Wiley, of Fergus Falls, Minnesota; and Grace M., who graduated from Iowa College with the class of 1903, a teacher at Oberlin, Ohio. Mrs. Burton, who was a beautiful character and a woman of rare mental qualities, passed away on the 27th of May, 1893, and on the 12th of September, 1903, Mr. Burton was married in Des Moines to Miss Theresa W. Wright, of Grinnell, a daughter of William Wright, who was a farmer and veteran of the Civil war and died in New York. The family affiliate with the Congrega-

tional church and Mr. Burton is a member of Gordon Grange Post, No. 64, G. A. R., of which he was one of the organizers and has been adjutant for sixteen years. He is also entitled to membership in the society of the Sons of the War of 1812, in which conflict his father participated. The martial spirit has been prevalent in the family for several generations as the grandfather, Asa Burton, was a member of the English navy before becoming a citizen of the United States.

In his political allegiance Mr. Burton has ever been most loyal to the principles and policy of the republican party, for whose candidates he always casts his ballot. While he takes much interest in public affairs he has never actively participated in politics since retiring from the office of county clerk, to which he was elected over thirty years ago. During the forty-six years of his residence in Poweshiek county he has been much interested in observing its progress along various lines. Grinnell has developed from what was little more than a village in 1865 to an educational center of more than local reputation, while agriculturally the county is regarded as one of the best in the state.

A younger brother of our subject, Theodore E. Burton, was elected to the United States senate from Ohio two years ago, after having served for sixteen years in the house of representatives. Grinnell has always taken a warm interest in the career of Senator Burton as when a young man he resided here for several years, assisting his brothers in the cultivation of the homestead during the summer and attending Iowa College in the winter. Later he returned to Ohio, which was his native state, and attended Oberlin College, from which institution he was graduated.

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#### FRED B. MALCOLM.

Poweshiek county numbers among its prominent and well known citizens Fred B. Malcolm, a prosperous and progressive farmer of Deep River township, within whose borders practically his entire life has been spent. He was born in Cambridge, Henry county, Illinois, on the 10th of January, 1874, a son of Brainard and Mary (Kennedy) Malcolm, natives of Illinois, where the former was born in 1850 and the latter in 1852. The father has now passed away, his death occurring in August, 1893, while the mother still survives and makes her home in Montezuma. Of their three children the subject of this sketch was the first in order of birth, the others being: Earl O., of Keokuk county, Iowa; and William M., of Deep River township.

Fred B. Malcolm was but an infant of six months when his parents took up their abode in Deep River township, which has since remained the scene of his activities. Reared to farm work he early became familiar with the best methods of plowing, planting and harvesting, and he remained at home, engaging with his father in the cultivation of the home fields, until he was twenty-one years of age, when he took up agricultural pursuits on his own account. He is the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of land located on section 17, which constitutes one of the well improved and valuable properties of the locality, its



present good condition being due in large measure to the careful management and unfaltering industry of Mr. Malcolm. In 1910 he erected a new dwelling and a complete set of outbuildings, all substantial and commodious, and about the place are to be found many other evidences of the spirit of progress which is one of his salient characteristics. In addition to his general farming he engages in stock-raising and feeding, and he is also a stockholder in Deep River Cooperative Creamery Company. Sound judgment and good business sense have enabled him to conduct his affairs in such a manner as to produce excellent results and today he is numbered among the prosperous and substantial business men of Deep River township.

On the 1st of May, 1895, Mr. Malcolm was united in marriage to Miss Celia Briggs, who was born near Preemption, Illinois, on the 15th of November, 1874. In 1882 she came to Iowa with her parents, W. J. and Ann (Armstrong) Briggs, natives of New York city and Ireland respectively. The father was a successful farmer and extensive landowner, the family homestead consisting of a half section of land. In his family were three sons and three daughters. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm were born three children, namely: Harold, who was born in 1896 and passed away in 1897, at the age of ten months; Gladys, whose birth occurred in 1898; and Leona, who was born in 1900.

Mr. Malcolm is active in the various phases of community life and participates in all movements for the public welfare. He is a member of the Christian church and fraternally is connected with Golden Rod Lodge, No. 512, A. F. & A. M., and with the Modern Brotherhood of America. He is a republican in politics and he has made a close study of all of those questions and issues which are to the American citizen a matter of deep interest. He is now serving as township assessor and is proving a most capable and efficient official. He is very popular among his friends and associates, for he possesses the genial nature and kindly qualities which ever win warm friendships.

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#### ELMER J. KORNS.

Elmer J. Korn's, who is the owner of a highly productive farm on section 34, Jefferson township, was born in this township in February, 1875, and has spent his entire life here. He is a son of Moses and Jane (Sheves) Korn's, the former of whom was born in Holmes county, Ohio, September 3, 1835, a son of William and Elizabeth (Houpman) Korn's, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania.

Moses Korn's was fourth in order of birth in a family of eleven children. He received his education in the common schools of the Buckeye state and continued with his father until 1858 when he started with a thresher for California. He traveled part of the way by water and crossed the plains by stage in eighteen days. He continued on the Pacific coast until 1862 and, in 1863, arrived in Poweshiek county, where he located upon one hundred and sixty acres of land and applied himself as a farmer and stock-raiser. He was very successful in his work and became the owner of six hundred and thirty acres,

but gave away a very large portion of his land to his children, so that at present he retains only one hundred and twenty-three acres. He is now living retired at Hartwick. Like his father he is a supporter of the democratic party, but belongs to the progressive branch of that organization and believes that the party should adapt itself to the changing conditions of the country. He has served very acceptably as justice of the peace, trustee and school director and was a member of the Lutheran church in Ohio.

Elmer J. Korn, of this review, secured his preliminary education in the common schools and after arriving at manhood moved to his present location on section 34, Jefferson township, his farm including one hundred and sixty-five acres. He has applied himself very successfully as a general farmer and stock-raiser and also devotes considerable attention to the raising of Clydesdale horses. He is very thorough and efficient in his work and has financially met with deserved success.

In 1899 Mr. Korn was married to Miss Lucy Rowland, a daughter of Jacob Rowland, a well known farmer of this county. Two children were born of this union: Everett, who is attending the district school; and Irene, who is deceased.

Mr. Korn votes in support of the republican party and in religious faith affiliates with the Congregational church, of which he is a valued member. He is a representative of the new generation of farmers, and is alert, active and efficient, always ready to assist in promoting the advancement of the community and willing to bear his part in discharging the responsibilities of citizenship. He is now fairly launched upon his business career which gives brilliant promise for the years to come.

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#### GUST J. SCHULTZ.

Among those residents of Malcom whose well directed efforts along agricultural lines now make it possible for them to live in honorable retirement, is numbered Gust J. Schultz. He was born in Princeton, Illinois, on the 22d of July, 1858, a son of Henry and Maria Johanna (Rehberg) Schultz, both natives of Germany.

The father, whose birth occurred at Richtenberg, in the province of Pomerania, Prussia, on the 19th of March, 1832, spent the period of his boyhood and youth in his native country. In the public schools of the fatherland he acquired his education, and after serving the required time in the Prussian army came to the United States in 1857, joining his parents in Princeton, Illinois, where they had located in 1854. Shortly after his arrival in that city he was married, and in 1859 came by wagon to Iowa, settling on a farm in Sheridan township, six miles northwest of Malcom. There he carried on general agricultural pursuits and was so successful that, about three years prior to his demise, he was able to withdraw from active labor and he removed to Malcom. He deserved great credit for what he accomplished, for when he came to this country he was without capital or influence, and whatever came to him of

prosperity was the direct result of his own energy and industry. At the time of his death he was the owner of a valuable tract of three hundred and twenty acres, located in Sheridan township, all highly improved. He was a member of the Odd Fellows lodge of Malcom and was a gentleman of most exemplary character. Early in life he became a member of the Lutheran church, and throughout his career the teachings of that denomination remained the guiding influences of his life. He was one of the organizers of the Lutheran church of Malcom township, and was a regular attendant at the services in Malcom whenever his impaired health would permit. In 1857 he married Maria Johanna Rehberg, who was also born in Richtenberg, Prussia, on the 5th of October, 1836. She was reared in the fatherland and when eighteen years of age came to the United States, arriving at Princeton, Illinois, in 1854. In that city she was married, in 1857, to Henry Schultz, and later came with him to Iowa, where she spent her remaining years. She was familiarly known in the community in which she resided as Aunt Mary, a term which indicates the warm place which she occupied in the affection of her friends and neighbors. At the time of her demise a local paper spoke of her as follows: "She was always a true Christian, a loving wife and mother and kind neighbor, and always ready to sacrifice her own comfort to make others happy, and will be greatly missed by all. She was one of God's noblest creations." During her last days she was a great sufferer but bore her pain uncomplainingly. Death came to her on the 15th of November, 1907, when she was seventy-one years of age. For seven years she had survived her husband, who passed away on the 30th of May, 1900. In their family were the following children: Gust J., of this review; Katharine, the wife of Andrew Erickson, of Brooklyn; Mary, who passed away at the age of seventeen months; Christ, of Grinnell; Francis, who married Joseph F. Eisele, of Malcom township; Matilda, the wife of Henry Baltisberger; John, of Marshalltown, Iowa; Otto of Sheridan township; and Henry, also of that township.

It was during his early infancy that Gust J. Schultz was brought by his parents to Poweshiek county, and consequently almost his entire life has been passed within its borders. No event of especial importance came to vary the routine of life for him during the period of his boyhood and youth, which was passed on his father's farm in Sheridan township, and upon attaining his majority he wisely chose as his life work the occupation to which he had been reared, engaging in agricultural pursuits in that township for a number of years. He was progressive in his ideas, utilized practical and modern methods in the conduct of his interests, and so managed his affairs that he soon became ranked among the substantial and progressive agriculturists of the township. He became the owner of a large farm of four hundred and ten acres in Sheridan township, all well improved, with two sets of good buildings, and thereon he engaged extensively in cattle-breeding, which branch of his activity proved most successful. At the time of his retirement from active life, about two years ago, he took up his abode in Malcom where he is now enjoying the comforts afforded by a goodly competence.

Mr. Schultz was united in marriage, in 1880, to Miss Mary Eisele, who was born in Princeton, Illinois, on the 21st of November, 1860, and when



eight years of age came to Poweshiek county with her parents. She is a daughter of Andrew and Philippina (Wentzel) Eisele, both natives of Germany. Her father, who was born in Baden, Germany, on the 11th of October, 1830, and left the fatherland on the 17th of December, 1851, arrived at Philadelphia on the 17th of February, 1852. From that city he made his way to Bucks county, where he resided until the year 1856, on the 29th of November of which year he was married. On December 25th, following, he left the Keystone state and moved to Bureau county, Illinois, where he maintained his home until November, 1868, which date witnessed his arrival in Poweshiek county. Here he located on a farm and engaged in agricultural pursuits throughout the remainder of his life. He was industrious and enterprising in the conduct of his business affairs and in private life was described as being "an excellent man, loved and respected by his neighbors, friends, and all who knew him. He was honest and strong in his convictions, kind, lovable and charitable. Kind-hearted and generous, he was never known to turn his back upon a person when in need." His death occurred in 1896, when he had reached the age of sixty-five years, nine months, and his wife has also passed away. In their family were seven children, four sons and three daughters, all of whom are still living.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Schultz was born one son, Frank C., who now resides upon and operates his father's farm in Sheridan township. He married Miss Leah Henshaw and they now have one daughter, Esther. Mr. Schultz and his wife are members of the Lutheran church, in which they are interested and helpful workers, while in politics Mr. Schultz is a democrat. He has filled the office of township trustee for many years, has acted as assessor for four years, and for twenty years has served as school director. Public-spirited in citizenship, his influence is ever upon the side of progress, improvement, reform and advancement, and the principles which have governed his entire career are such as make him a most desirable and valuable citizen—a worthy son of an honored father.

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### SAMUEL A. TISH.

Poweshiek county can claim many worthy citizens who have ably contributed their share toward the promotion of the permanent interests of this section of the state, but it is doubtful whether any man now living in the county has more conscientiously performed his work than Samuel A. Tish. He is a successful farmer of Washington township and was for many years a school teacher, and won an enviable reputation on account of the interest he took in his calling and the excellent results of his efforts.

He is a native of Fayette county, Illinois, and was born October 17, 1860, a son of Samuel R. and Alice Catherine (Shaffer) Tish. The father was born in Pennsylvania April 10, 1819, and the mother in Williams county, Ohio, June 6, 1827. They were married February 2, 1851, in Williams county, Ohio. Mr. Tish learned the trade of cabinet-maker but later took up farming in Poweshiek county where he purchased one hundred and twenty acres in 1855. To this he afterward added ninety-five acres, making his total holdings two hundred and





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fifteen acres, and was for nearly fifty years actively connected with agricultural and stock-raising interests in this county. He retired several years before his death, which occurred April 15, 1905. The mother was called away December 8, 1897. Mr. Tish gave his adherence to the democratic party but was never an aspirant for public office. His wife was a consistent member of the Christian church. In their family were eight children, namely: Jasper, who is deceased; Emma C., the wife of W. C. Benson, of Searsboro; Samuel A., of this review; Mary Frances, deceased; Sarah E., the wife of J. R. Rivers, of Pleasant township; Charles, of Washington township; William P., of Union township; and John, of Sugar Creek.

Samuel A. Tish was reared on his father's farm and acquired his early education in the district schools, applying himself so creditably that he became a teacher and for twenty-five terms devoted his attention to the work of instructing the young. He was prominently known in this capacity at Sugar Creek, Washington and Pleasant townships, and among his best friends today are his former pupils who, as boys and girls, gained from him their introduction to an education which in a number of instances has led to highly beneficial results. However, he never gave up his interest in farming. He rented a farm in Sugar Creek township, also renting one in Pleasant township for two years, and in 1893 purchased one hundred and twenty acres in Washington township to which he added eighty acres, thus making it one of the attractive properties of the township. He follows general farming and as he thoroughly understands the business he is highly successful. He is a stockholder and was formerly a director in the butter factory at Jacobs.

On the 24th of July, 1890, Mr. Tish was married to Miss Margaret F. Morgan, a daughter of Milo and Susan G. (Robertson) Morgan. Her father was born January 1, 1831, in Springfield, Illinois, and the mother was a native of New York but was reared in Ohio. The parents were married in Lincoln township, Poweshiek county, Iowa, July 31, 1856, and became well known residents of this county where the mother departed this life February 20, 1911. Mrs. Tish, their daughter, was educated in the district schools and in the high school at Grinnell. She became a successful teacher, following the profession for eight terms before her marriage and for one term thereafter. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Tish has been blessed with six children: Sylva A., who was born July 21, 1891, and after attending the high school is now a student of the normal school, preparing herself for the profession of teaching; Vella Elona, who was born June 11, 1894, and is now a high school student; Cressie Leone, born May 16, 1897; Lela Margaret, born May 14, 1899; Reuel Elvin, born January 17, 1903; and Hazel Loree, born July 29, 1904.

Mr. Tish is not identified with either of the leading political parties. Having observed the suffering caused by the saloon, he became a prohibitionist and is an earnest advocate of temperance principles. He has served as township road supervisor and most efficiently as a member and secretary of the school board. In 1888 he was nominated for county superintendent of schools on the democratic ticket, entirely without his solicitation, and because of the fact that his party is in the minority in this county he was defeated. Both Mr. and Mrs. Tish are consistent members of and active workers in the Christian church and also

in the Sunday school. For seven years Mr. Tish was superintendent of the Sunday school at district No. 1, Washington township, and for two years during that period acted as Sunday school superintendent at Ewart. Most of this time he was also a teacher in the Sunday school. His wife is now acting as superintendent of the local Sunday school and is township president of the County Sunday School Association, while Mr. Tish is township secretary of the County Sunday School Association. In 1887 Mrs. Tish visited California for the winter and was an active teacher in the Sunday school there. Mr. Tish was elected elder of the Christian church at Ewart, which position he filled during his residence there. Both he and his wife take an active and helpful part in every movement tending to benefit the community and produce a better social and moral atmosphere. His entire life has been characterized by an upward tendency and by precept and example he has been a teacher of others. He justly occupies a position as one of the honored residents of Poweshiek county.

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### JAMES C. REAMS.

An excellent farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Sheridan township, Poweshiek county, pays tribute to the agricultural skill of James C. Reams, who was actively engaged in its cultivation for over thirty years.

Mr. Reams was born in Clearfield county, Pennsylvania, on the 29th of July, 1839, being a son of Abraham and Martha (Cloyd) Reams. The father, who was of German descent, was a native of Center county, Pennsylvania, while the mother, who passed away in 1843, was born in Clearfield county. Mr. Reams was a farmer, being identified with agricultural pursuits up to the time of his demise in 1860.

James C. Reams acquired his education in the district schools of his native state, remaining a member of the paternal household until he attained his majority. After completing his education he assisted his father in the cultivation of the homestead until the latter's demise. When the call came for volunteers in 1861 Mr. Reams responded by enlisting in Company K, Eighty-fourth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, with which command he served for eighteen months. He saw much active service and participated in some of the most notable battles of the war, among them being those of Winchester, and Port Republic, and he was with General Pope in that disastrous campaign on the Rappahannock and in the second battle of Bull Run. He received his discharge at Alexandria, Virginia, on the 12th of February, 1863.

Returning to his old home Mr. Reams remained there for a brief period, then decided to come west, first locating in Scott county, Iowa, where he resided for a year. Going back to Pennsylvania in 1864 he engaged in the lumber business for a year and then returned to Iowa, spending a brief period in Tama county. In 1865 he removed to Poweshiek county, farming as a renter in Madison township for several years, during which time he bought one hundred and sixty acres from M. E. Cutts in Sheridan township at four dollars per acre, and on the 7th day of June, 1867, he broke the first land in the north half



of this township. Mr. Reams took up his residence on this place on the 18th of March, 1868, and has continuously resided there ever since. He engaged in general farming and stock-raising, making a success of both ventures, and acquired a competence which enabled him to rent his property eight years ago and enjoy the ease and comfort rewarded him for his early toil. Although he still continues to reside upon his farm he is no longer actively engaged in its cultivation.

On the 4th of December, 1864, Mr. Reams was united in marriage to Miss Lucy J. Graham, a daughter of William and Mollie (Sailleth) Graham, the mother of German and the father of Scotch extraction. Mr. Graham's ancestors first located in Virginia on coming to the United States, later removing to Pennsylvania, his birth occurring in York county, that state, on the 12th of August, 1793. Mrs. Graham was a native of Lancaster city, her natal day being the 24th of January, 1799. Mr. Graham passed away on his farm in Clearfield county, on the 22d of September, 1863, his wife having died several years previously. Ten children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Reams: A. A., who is a resident of Des Moines; Tillie, the wife of Howard Wilkinson, of Buhl, Idaho; Vina M., who married Carl Coulson, of Chelsea, Iowa; James W., who resides on a farm adjoining that of his father; Grace, living at home; and Weaver, who was a law student at State College of Iowa City, from which he was graduated in June, 1911. Four of the ten are deceased: Sophia A., who passed away at the age of twenty-seven years; Martha L., aged two years; and twins, one of whom died in infancy and the other, William Gurley, at the age of five years. The family attend the services of the Latter Day Saints, of which denomination the parents are members.

His political support Mr. Reams now accords the democratic party, although his first vote was cast for Abraham Lincoln. He was a strong advocate of the principles of the republican platform until after the election of Rutherford B. Hayes, for whom he cast his last republican ballot. Following that he voted the greenback ticket so long as that party was in existence and has lived to see many of its principles put into practice. He has always taken an active and helpful interest in all local affairs, having served as justice of the peace for two terms, while for many years he was a member of the school board of district No. 1, Sheridan township. Mr. Reams is one of the highly regarded and substantial farmers of Sheridan township and is now enjoying the fruits of his early toil. Four years ago, accompanied by Mrs. Reams and their daughter Grace, he made a tour of California, spending four months on the western coast.

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#### ALFRED BURROUGHS.

Meeting all the requirements of the successful lawyer in his comprehensive knowledge of the principles of jurisprudence, his ability to accurately apply its principles and his devotion to the interests of his clients, Alfred Burroughs is now well established as a member of the firm of Norris & Burroughs, con-

ducting a law and loan office. He makes his home in Grinnell, where he has a wide and favorable acquaintance. He was born at Moores Hill, Indiana, September 16, 1858, in a little story and a half log house which was built by his father, William Burroughs. The latter was born near Baltimore, Maryland, in 1809, and when a mere boy the care and support of his mother, brothers and sisters largely devolved upon him, owing to the death of the husband and father. He became a pioneer settler both of Indiana and of Iowa, removing to the latter state with his family in 1865. He secured a homestead claim at Hickory Grove, ten miles northwest of Grinnell, and with earnest, persistent purpose began the development of his farm, which he converted into a good property. He married Priscilla Breeden, who was born in the Shenandoah valley of Virginia in 1829, and is now living in Grinnell. Although she is now eighty-two years of age she has only fairly begun to turn gray and is also well preserved in other ways. Her life has always been a potent force for moral and religious development and her influence has had marked effect upon the lives of her children.

Alfred Burroughs attended the public schools of Grinnell and also Iowa College. His early years were spent upon the home farm, passing many hours in the saddle in herding and rounding up the cattle and horses, which then roamed over the prairies unchecked by fences. Here and there a tract of land had been converted into fields for the growing of crops and there were just enough of such fields to make a boy's life in keeping the cattle and horses away from the grain too strenuous for comfort.

In 1876 Mr. Burroughs came to Grinnell to attend the public schools and later became a student in the academy of this city, remaining here until the time of the memorable cyclone in 1882. He afterward spent two seasons teaching in the country schools and the remainder of the time was devoted to aiding in the care and cultivation of the home farm in Hickory Grove until February, 1889, when he found opportunity for carrying out his wish to prepare for the bar. At that time he began work for Norris & Preston in their law and loan office in Grinnell as bookkeeper, and has ever since been connected with this office. Mr. Preston withdrew from the partnership soon after Mr. Burroughs entered the office and the latter became associated with David W. Norris, and later with Norris & Norris, until the death of the father in May, 1907. About the 1st of June of that year he formed a partnership with the son and the firm of Norris & Burroughs has since engaged in the practice of law, having high standing as a representative firm at Grinnell.

On the 31st of December, 1890, at the home of the bride on High street, Mr. Burroughs was united in marriage to Miss Mary Louisa Hedges, the ceremony being performed by Professor S. A. Barnes, of Iowa College. Her father, Dr. T. M. Hedges, is one of the pioneer physicians of Grinnell, having located here soon after the close of the Civil war. During the long term of successful practice Dr. Hedges has also conducted a drug store, either in a partnership relation or as sole owner, so that his business relations with Grinnell were close and constant until March, 1909, when he removed to California, where two of his daughters are engaged in the drug business. Mrs. Burroughs was born and educated in Grinnell and spent much of her time before

her marriage in her father's drug store. She has since presided graciously over her own home and has made it an attractive resort to their many friends.

In early life Mr. Burroughs joined the United Brethren church, to which his people belonged and for which they had a liberal share in providing and maintaining a house of worship near the old homestead at Hickory Grove. Alfred Burroughs has held a number of offices in the church, doing any service that was needed. Following his removal to Grinnell he became a member of the Congregational church, to which his wife and older children also belong, and at the same time he assists in the maintenance of worship at the church of his youth. He is now serving as deacon in the Congregational church and has had much to do with Sunday school work in the township, city and county, including his labors in connection with a mission school of Grinnell for three years. Modest and unassuming, free from ostentation and display, his good qualities are nevertheless recognized by his fellow townsmen, who appreciate his worth and the ability that has led him to make steady advancement since he started out in business on his own account.

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#### BALZER KRIEDEL.

Another of Poweshiek county's agriculturists who has ably demonstrated that energy and perseverance when capably directed assure success in America is Balzer Kriegel, who owns three hundred and thirty acres of land in Madison township which he is cultivating. Mr. Kriegel was born in Alsace-Lorraine, which at that time was a province of France, on the 5th of March, 1857. His parents, who were Nicholas and Mary (Coling) Kriegel, were also natives of Alsace, in which country the father engaged in agricultural pursuits until his demise in 1891. The mother passed away in 1870.

Balzer Kriegel continued to reside in his native country until he was nearly nineteen years of age, devoting his boyhood and youth to the acquirement of an education, which he obtained in the common schools, and the work of the farm. Ever loyal to France, although then a subject of Germany, he resented the idea of entering the army of the latter government, and so decided to join his brother, who had emigrated to the United States six years previously. He took passage for America in 1875, and upon his arrival in New York immediately made his way westward to join his brother John, who at that time was living in Champaign county, Illinois. With the latter's assistance he readily found employment as a farm hand, with which occupation he continued to be identified there for two years.

At the expiration of that period he again started westward, locating in Madison township, Poweshiek county, in 1877, where he continued to do farm work. By means of thrift and industry he had acquired sufficient capital by 1891 to enable him to engage in business for himself, so he purchased a livery stable in Tama, Iowa. He conducted this for ten years, then disposed of his interest and, returning to Madison township bought two hundred and ten acres of land on section 14 upon which he settled. In 1908 he extended the boundary



of his homestead by purchasing one hundred and twenty acres on section 15, which adjoined him on the west, making the aggregate of his holdings three hundred and thirty acres. The land, which is well drained and thoroughly cultivated, is most fertile and yields abundant harvests, the greater portion of which is consumed in the feeding of cattle and hogs for the market. Mr. Kriegel has a fine orchard, covering two acres, and this year has increased it by planting one hundred and fifty more trees. The improvements upon his place are good and well kept up, as are also the grounds, which greatly improves the appearance of his property and which is justly considered to be one of the valuable farms of the township. In addition to the cultivation of his extensive fields Mr. Kriegel also raises cattle and hogs, making quite large consignments of both to the stock market annually.

On the 12th of June, 1894, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Kriegel and Miss Mary Brimmer, a daughter of George and Catherine (McClelland) Brimmer. The father at that time was one of the well known farmers of Jefferson township, but later he and his family removed to Madison township, where Mrs. Brimmer and the children still reside. Mr. Brimmer, however, spends the greater portion of his time in Dakota, where he has extensive interests. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Kriegel have been born eight children, as follows: Fred, who is sixteen years of age; Roy, aged fifteen years; Walter, eleven, Marian, ten; Marie, nine; Josephine, seven; Floyd, five; and Balzer, three years of age. All save the oldest and youngest sons are now attending school in district No. 6.

Mr. Kriegel is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, being affiliated with the camp at Tama, while his political support he gives to the candidates of the democratic party. Although he is public-spirited and takes much interest in township affairs he has never been identified with any official position save that of school director in his district, in which capacity he has now been serving for six years. The success which has been awarded the capably directed efforts of Mr. Kriegel is all the more gratifying in consideration of the fact that it is almost entirely attributable to his own independent exertions, and is generally recognized among his fellow citizens to be justly and well merited.

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### JOHN DOUGLASS.

All the strong qualities of his sturdy Scotch forebears have had a part in making John Douglass one of the affluent men of Poweshiek county and one of the farmers of unequivocal success in Malcom township. He was born in Glasgow, Scotland, on the 15th of July, 1836, a son of William and Ellen (Perden) Douglass, both natives of Scotland, who came to the United States in 1848, locating first in Peacham, Vermont. In 1854 they took up their abode at Neponset, Bureau county, Illinois, and there the father passed away at the age of fifty-eight years. The mother, however, spent her remaining days in Poweshiek county in the home of her son, John, there passing away at the ripe old age of eighty-four years. They were the parents of four children, of whom John Douglass, of this review, was the second in order of birth. The others are: William, who served





JOHN DOUGLASS



for three years as a soldier of Company B, Nineteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and is now residing at the Soldiers' Home at Quincy, Illinois; Jane, the widow of Thomas Scott, of Brooklyn, who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume; and Andrew, now residing in Mitchell, Nebraska, who served for about a year as a soldier in the One Hundred and Forty-sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. While all of her brothers were fighting in behalf of the Union at the front the only daughter of the family cared for her parents at home and kept the brothers well posted as to local affairs.

John Douglass spent his boyhood days in his native country and at the age of twelve years left the land of hills and heather to accompany his parents on their trip across the Atlantic, and his education, which had begun in Scotland, was completed in the schools of New England. For about three years after the establishment of the family home in Illinois he remained with his parents and then, in 1857, went west, locating in Kansas, where for a time he drove a stage between Leavenworth and Lawrence. Later he became a teamster in the Utah expedition that followed closely upon the settlement in that state of the Mormons under the leadership of Brigham Young. He also drove a team for the government troops between Leavenworth and Salt Lake City, and then, in 1858, as a member of the Second Dragoons, took part in the Indian warfare in that locality. In the winter of that year he returned to Leavenworth and in March, 1859, purchased a team which he drove to Pike's Peak at the time of the gold excitement in that region. At that time but five rude shanties marked the site of the present beautiful city of Denver and pioneer conditions existed throughout that district.

In the latter year he left his team at Des Moines, whence he walked to Iowa City, a distance of one hundred and twenty miles, making the journey in two days, or forty-eight hours. He returned to his Illinois home in July and remained with his parents until the spring of 1861, when he enlisted in the state troops, being mustered into the United States service in June of that year as a member of Company B, Nineteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He served with that command until July, 1864, when he was discharged, reenlisting in Company K, Forty-second Illinois Volunteers, in September of that year. He thus served until honorably discharged, being mustered out in November, 1865, at Victoria, Texas. He took part in many of the important engagements of the war, including the battles of Perryville, Nashville, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Spring Hill, Franklin, Resaca, and also participated in Sherman's campaign through Georgia. He received a slight wound at Franklin, Tennessee, and was captured after the battle of Chickamauga by General Joseph Wheeler but was paroled a few days later. He entered the service as a private but was promoted to a position on the signal corps in recognition of his many acts of bravery and his loyal support at all times of the Union cause. Unlike many who were quick to respond to the country's call, he did not regard his duty over at the close of his first term of enlistment, but remained at the front until after all Confederate troops had laid down their arms, receiving an honorable discharge after four years of active, brave and efficient service on the battlefields of the south.

Mr. Douglass returned home on the 13th of November, 1865, and for three years was engaged in agricultural pursuits on a farm of eighty acres in Illinois.

In 1868 he came to Poweshiek county, Iowa, and purchased a quarter section in Malcom township, all raw prairie land, for which he paid twenty dollars per acre. In the following year he took up his abode on that place and it has since remained his home. In the winter of 1875-76 he purchased another quarter section adjoining his home farm, and he now owns three hundred acres, or the west half of section 33. This is a valuable property, all of the improvements having been made by Mr. Douglass, including two good dwellings and substantial barns and outbuildings. He carries on general farming and stock-raising, feeding all of the grain which he raises to his stock. He has been more than usually fortunate in the conduct of his affairs and today is one of the highly successful and wealthy agriculturists of the county. He is known in the financial circles of Malcom as a stockholder in the Malcom Savings Bank.

In 1867, in Stark county, Illinois, Mr. Douglass was united in marriage to Miss Sarah E. Shaier, a native of Pennsylvania, whose death occurred in Poweshiek county on the 31st of July, 1910, at the age of sixty-eight years. In their family were five children, namely: Andrew D., of Pleasant township; William F. and Charles, operating the home place for their father; Edna, the wife of Frank Peters, of Pleasant township; and Thomas S., a resident of Muscatine.

Mr. Douglass has been a lifelong democrat and has held a few minor township offices, and has maintained pleasant relations with his old army comrades through his membership in the Grand Army of the Republic. His record as a soldier and as a private citizen has been most honorable, for in times of peace he has been as loyal to the interests of his state and nation as when following the old flag on southern battlefields. He has gained substantial success in life, but it has come as the direct result of earnest labor, unfaltering industry and a singleness and honesty of purpose. None envy him his prosperity, so worthily has it been won, and he ranks today among the respected and representative citizens of Poweshiek county.

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### JAMES J. CORROUGH.

James J. Corrough, member of the board of county commissioners of Poweshiek county, is recognized not only as a thorough farmer but as a business man of clear and sound judgment whose opinions are well worthy of consideration. He has been eminently successful in the conduct of his own affairs and the county is fortunate in securing the services of a man of experienced and tried capacity in one of its most important offices.

Mr. Corrough was born in Scott county, Iowa, June 6, 1865, a son of James and Mary (Conley) Corrough, both of whom were natives of Ireland. In 1845 the father came to the United States and engaged as teamster in the commissary department at the time of the Mexican war. After the close of the war he joined the forty-niners and went to California where he spent two years in the gold fields. He then became a passenger on a sailing vessel which made the journey around Cape Horn and he returned to his native land where he married Mary Conley. In 1854 he came to the United States with his wife,



having determined to establish his permanent home under the American flag. He had three land warrants, one of which had been given him by the government for his services in the Mexican war, and the other two he purchased. He took up land in Scott county, Iowa, with two of these warrants, which he cultivated until 1867, when he sold his place and removed to Poweshiek county, establishing a permanent home near Malcom. He passed away December 19, 1905, having then arrived at the advanced age of eighty-seven years. The beloved wife and mother died February 4, 1909. The homestead is still in possession of the family.

James J. Corrough received his preliminary education in the district schools and later pursued a business course in the Davenport Business College. He early showed a natural inclination for agricultural pursuits and as his father was the owner of about nine hundred acres of land and was a very busy man the son began to assume responsibility even in his young boyhood, the management of the home farm largely falling upon his shoulders. He succeeded so admirably that in 1900 the father gave him a portion of the home farm. He makes a specialty of cattle feeding, but also is an extensive raiser of hogs and horses and is acknowledged as an authority in this county on subjects pertaining to agriculture and stock-raising.

In 1905 Mr. Corrough was united in marriage to Miss Anne Winifred Evans of Williamsburg, Iowa, daughter of Evan J. Evans, who came to Williamsburg from Racine, Wisconsin, in 1858. He was a native of Wales, as was also his wife, who was Miss Anne Davies before her marriage. The father was educated for the ministry and ordained as a minister of the Congregational church, coming to Iowa as a missionary to the Welsh people in this state. To Mr. and Mrs. Corrough three children have been born, two of whom are now living, namely: Winifred Evans and James Vincent.

Mr. Corrough gives his support to the republican party and has served as assessor, justice of the peace, and for many years as secretary of the school board. In November, 1910, he was elected to the board of county supervisors, which position he now fills. Fraternally, he is connected with Grinnell Lodge, No. 175, Knights of Pythias. He has many warm personal friends in Poweshiek county who are greatly interested in his continued success. A man of unquestioned sincerity he has always been actuated by high principles and has been instrumental in an important degree in advancing the permanent welfare of this section.

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#### JACOB BOWMAN.

One of the representative agriculturists of Madison township is Jacob Bowman, who was born in Rockingham, Virginia, on the 31st of March, 1855. His parents were Moses and Catherine (Harpine) Bowman. The father, who was of German descent, was also a native of Rockingham, but the mother was born in Shenandoah. Mr. Bowman was engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred in 1872, ten years after the demise of his wife.

Jacob Bowman was educated in his native state, of which he was a resident until 1880, when he removed to the west, locating in Brooklyn, Bear Creek township. He farmed as a renter until 1904, and then purchased one hundred and eighteen acres of land, upon which he has ever since resided. Under his capable supervision the land has been brought into a high state of cultivation and he engages in general farming, in addition to which he raises hogs, cattle and horses, and feeds hogs for the market.

While still residing in Virginia Mr. Bowman was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Hinegardner, a daughter of Jacob and Lydia (Bowman) Hinegardner, natives of Rockingham county. The parents migrated to Iowa in 1880, locating on a farm which they rented four miles east of Malcom. After residing thereon for eight years they moved to Malcom, where the mother still resides, but the father has passed away. They were both of German descent. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Bowman have been born the following children: Elmer, a resident of Brooklyn, who married Miss Margaret Johnson and who have had two children, twins, one of whom is deceased and the other, Lois, is now three years of age; John, a farmer living one mile south of Brooklyn, and who married Miss Anna Johnson; and Nora, Vera, and William, all of whom are at home. Charles, who was the fourth in order of birth, passed away in 1898 at the age of fifteen years.

The family attend the Presbyterian church of Brooklyn, of which all, with the exception of the two sons, John and William, are members. Mr. Bowman is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, being affiliated with the Brooklyn lodge, while his sons, John and Elmer, belong to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Brooklyn, and the latter also to the Knights of Pythias. Their wives belong to the Rebekah lodge of Brooklyn and Mrs. Elmer Bowman is also a Pythian sister. Mr. Bowman gives his political support to the democratic party, but has never taken a particularly active interest in township affairs, although he served for several terms as a school director in district No. 7 of Madison township, and one term as supervisor. A man of energy and purpose Mr. Bowman has met with more than average success in his ventures and now owns one of the well improved and valuable homesteads of the county.

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#### EMERY S. BARTLETT.

For fifty-five years a resident of Grinnell, Emery S. Bartlett may truly be designated as a pioneer. He has been a witness of a marvelous transformation in this section of the state and has to the extent of his ability assisted in the accomplishment of the great work which has made Poweshiek county one of the most desirable places of abode in the entire commonwealth. He was born at Bath, New Hampshire, September 7, 1832, son of Stephen N. and Theodosia (Child) Bartlett. The father, who was also a native of Bath, was born December 1, 1802, upon the old homestead which he inherited from his father. The ancestry of the family can be traced back to Adam Bartlett who lived in





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England during the ninth century. The first of the family to come to America was John Bartlett, who in company with two brothers, Richard and Thomas, crossed the Atlantic in 1620. The old homestead of several thousand acres in Sussexshire, is still in possession of the family.

Stephen N. Bartlett came with his family to Grinnell in 1855 and located upon government land, becoming one of the leading residents of his part of the county. He and his wife celebrated their golden wedding September 23, 1874. Originally a whig in politics, he became a republican upon the organization of that party and so continued during the remainder of his life. While a resident of New Hampshire he was a prominent factor in his party's councils, serving in various local offices and also as representative in the state legislature. On coming to Poweshiek county he refused to take active part in political affairs and devoted his attention principally to his business. He was for many years a deacon in the Congregational church and lived a true Christian life. He passed away November 15, 1879, his faithful wife following him January 31, 1882. They will long be remembered as worthy representatives of the early settlers of this county.

Emery S. Bartlett was reared in New Hampshire and educated in the public schools of that state. As he grew to manhood he read with interest the stories told by travelers of the wonderful opportunities in the great west, and at twenty-one years of age he started toward the setting sun, coming as far as Michigan where he became a student of Olivet College. In the spring of 1854 he went to Wisconsin and spent the summer in the vicinity of Beaver Dam. On the 26th of September, 1854, he arrived in Grinnell. The future metropolis of Poweshiek county was then a town in prospect only. The survey had been made but improvements existed only in the minds of the projectors. Mr. Bartlett was greatly pleased with the location and acquired land in Grinnell township, superintending its development while making his home in Grinnell. He first lived in the old Long home, just across the street from his present residence. He conducted a meat market for twenty years and for a number of years has been living retired. He still owns forty-seven acres of land in Grinnell township and property in the city but has disposed of most of his farm land.

In 1855 Mr. Bartlett returned to Bath, New Hampshire, and on the 11th of December of the same year was united in marriage to Miss Hannah Stevens, who was born in Lyman, New Hampshire, a daughter of Michael M. and Stella (Knapp) Stevens. They celebrated their golden wedding December 11, 1905. Three children were born to them, namely: Arthur W., who was graduated from Grinnell College in 1888 and is now living in Oregon; Stella T., who is at home and is a graduate of Grinnell College of the class of 1891 and also of Moody Institute, Chicago; and Catherine H., also a graduate of Grinnell College and now the wife of Rev. Truman O. Douglas, who was graduated from Harvard University and is pastor of the North Park Congregational church of Des Moines. Mrs. Bartlett died May 4, 1907, and was buried in the cemetery at Grinnell. She was a woman of many estimable qualities, who in the course of a long and useful career made many friends in this county.

Mr. Bartlett was one of the charter members of the Congregational church in this city, being now the only representative of that group living in Grinnell.

He served as chairman of the trustees and also for several years as deacon of the church. Politically he gives his support to the republican party, of which he has been an adherent ever since its organization. He has never sought public office but as a member of the city council he accomplished much good for the permanent interests of the city. With one exception he has been a resident of Grinnell longer than any other of its citizens. He has been successful in his business affairs, his efforts having yielded generous returns so that in the evening of his life he enjoys the comforts which are considered essential to tranquility of mind. He also enjoys the friendship of the entire community and the good wishes of all who know him.

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### CLINTON W. FOWLER.

An excellent homestead of three hundred and twenty acres pays tribute to the agricultural ability of Clinton W. Fowler, who was born near Princeton, Bureau county, Illinois, on the 1st of February, 1852, a son of Williams and Sophia (Moseley) Fowler. The father, who was of English extraction and a native of Massachusetts, was a steamboat captain on the lower Mississippi for many years, but later in life engaged in farming. Before going on the river Mr. Fowler went to Chicago, which at that time was only a village, and a friend who had great confidence in the development of the western metropolis urged him to invest in city property. Mr. Fowler, however, scorned the suggestion and said, referring to some of the land in the very heart of the business district: "I wouldn't have it for a gift." In 1866 he and his wife came to Iowa, locating upon a farm in Madison township, Poweshiek county, and there he continued to reside until his death in the early '80s; his wife had passed away some years previously.

Clinton W. Fowler was a lad of fourteen years of age when his parents located in Poweshiek county. His education was obtained in the district schools, which he attended whenever he could be spared from the work of the farm. At the age of eighteen years he, with his two brothers Fred W. and Rowland, the latter of whom died two years later, took entire charge of the homestead, which contained four hundred acres. They continued its cultivation for three years when Clinton and Fred Fowler, who were the sole remaining heirs, divided the land, the former continuing to cultivate his portion, in addition to his present homestead, for five years thereafter. In 1878 he removed to his farm in Madison township, where he has ever since resided. He now owns three hundred and twenty acres of land on section 34 and 35 in Madison township, and thirty-seven acres of timber three miles northeast of his homestead. His farm is one of the best improved and most valuable properties in Madison township, and there he engages in general farming and feeds cattle and hogs for the Chicago market.

On the 31st of May, 1894, Mr. Fowler was united in marriage to Miss Mary Armstrong, a daughter of William and Jane (Hall) Armstrong, natives of Fermanagh county, Ireland. They emigrated to the United States in 1844



and located in the vicinity of Rock Island, Illinois, where Mrs. Fowler was born. When she was five years of age her parents removed to Poweshiek county settling upon a farm seven miles south of Brooklyn in Scott township, where they continued to reside until they passed away, the father on the 21st of March, 1898, and the mother on the 25th of the same month seven years later. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Fowler have been born the following children: William, who is sixteen years of age; Harry D., aged fourteen years; Clinton W., thirteen years of age; and Frederick Eugene, who has passed his ninth anniversary. All but the eldest, who is assisting his father, are attending district No. 7 school. Mr. Fowler, who for the past eight years has been township treasurer, gives his political support to the democratic party. He was also at one time elected assessor but never qualified for the office.

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### EDWARD C. BOLEN.

General farming and stock-raising have always claimed the attention of Edward C. Bolen, who is one of the representative farmers of Sheridan township. He was born in Madison township, Poweshiek county, Iowa, on the 22d of October, 1869, a son of Michael and Elizabeth Ann (Thompson) Bolen, the father a native of Fayette county, Pennsylvania, and the mother of Canada. The parents removed to Poweshiek county in 1869, locating in Madison township, where they continued to reside for a year, and then purchased eighty acres of land in Sheridan township, where they resided until 1897, when they retired to Tama, Tama county, Iowa. There the father passed away on the 1st of February, 1907, but the mother still survives and continues to make her home in Tama.

The early years of Edward C. Bolen's life were very similar to those of the average lad who is reared in the more sparsely settled communities. He attended the district school during the winter and in vacation and at such other times as he was not engaged with his studies assisted his father with the cultivation of the farm, his duties and responsibilities increasing as his strength developed with the passing years. When he had acquired such education as he deemed essential to enable him to follow his vocation, which he had decided should be that of an agriculturist, he devoted his entire attention to the work of the farm, remaining a member of the paternal household until he had attained the age of twenty-four years, at which time he was married.

Subsequent to this event he invested his savings in eighty acres of land in Sheridan township in the cultivation of which he engaged until 1896, when he purchased one hundred and sixty acres on section 15 of the same township, where he is now living. He engages in general farming and stock-raising but makes a specialty of feeding cattle and hogs for the market. A judicious manager Mr. Bolen utilizes every acre of his land to the best advantage and as a result is meeting with most gratifying returns from his various ventures. In addition to his homestead he also owns eighty acres of land on section 23. He is regarded as one of the most progressive young farmers in the county, readily

adapting to his use every new theory the practicability of which appeals to him. Agriculture is to him a science that requires study, thought and common sense if the returns are to be commensurate with the labor expended. His land is in a high state of cultivation and is well improved, the buildings are substantially constructed and kept in repair, while everything about his homestead suggests thrift and prosperity.

On the 10th of November, 1893, Mr. Bolen was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Belle Dotson, a daughter of Eli and Ellen (Hurst) Dotson, residents of Colfax, Iowa. Three children have been born of this union, two of whom are living: Letha, who is seventeen years of age; and Stella, aged eight years, both of whom are still at home. Bessie, the second in order of birth, passed away at the age of two and a half years.

The family attend the Methodist Episcopal church, of which denomination Mrs. Bolen is a member, while fraternally Mr. Bolen is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Modern Woodmen of America, holding membership in both the Sheridan and Marshalltown lodges, and he is also affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Mrs. Bolen and Miss Letha are members of the Royal Neighbors, the ladies auxiliary of the Modern Woodmen. The men and measures of the republican party are always accorded the political support of Mr. Bolen, whose only official position has been that of school director in district No. 5, Sheridan township. Practically the entire life of Mr. Bolen has been spent in the vicinity where he is now residing and where he has many friends, the majority of whom are comrades of his boyhood, which fact is a lasting tribute to the character of the man.

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#### MANUEL HOLDERNESS.

Through well directed business activity and enterprise Manuel Holderness is gaining recognition as one of the prosperous farmers of Deep River township. A native of Iowa, he was born at Millersburg on the 5th of October, 1872, a son of William and Margaret (Bullion) Holderness, natives of England and Ireland respectively. The parents were married in Millersburg and there passed away, the former in 1878 at the age of sixty-two years, and the latter in 1892 at the age of sixty-four years. The father gave his entire life to agricultural pursuits. In his family were six children, of whom the subject of this review was the fourth in order of birth. The others are as follows: Anna, a resident of Iowa City; William, living near Millersburg; Aaron, of Aurelia, Iowa; John, of Deep River township; and Ardillus, of Keswick, Iowa.

After the death of his father, which occurred when he was but six years of age, Manuel Holderness went to live in the home of George Mauser, of whom mention is made on another page of this volume. Under the careful direction of Mr. Mauser and his sister the lad was reared to manhood, early developing habits of industry, perseverance and integrity which have ever remained salient elements in his career. He continued with Mr. Mauser until his marriage, after which he began farming on his own account, purchasing a farm of one hundred

acres, located on section 17, adjoining that on which he had been reared. This property he has brought under a high state of cultivation through the practical methods which he has pursued, and he is also operating, in addition to his home place, the farm of one hundred acres belonging to Mr. Mauser, who is now living retired. He is not afraid to work, but on the contrary has labored earnestly and resolutely to make his farms yield the maximum quota per acre. His efforts have not been in vain for his fields annually yield abundant crops in return for the care and labor which he bestows upon them, and he is numbered among Deep River township's progressive and enterprising agriculturists.

Mr. Holderness was married, in 1904, to Miss Lulu Craver, whose birth occurred in this township in the year 1883. She is a daughter of C. C. Craver, who is mentioned elsewhere in this work, and by her marriage with Mr. Holderness has become the mother of one son, Charles.

Mr. Holderness is well known in fraternal circles in Deep River township, holding membership with the Masons, the Modern Woodmen of America and with the Knights of Pythias of Deep River. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He is a man of many sterling traits of character, reliable in business, progressive in citizenship, and at all times trustworthy and honorable.

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### JAMES L. RODGERS.

James L. Rodgers is now living retired in Montezuma, where he has made his home since 1867. At one time he was connected with mercantile pursuits here, and later was well known in business circles as a dealer in eggs, butter and poultry. His carefully managed interests have brought him success that now enables him to rest from further labor.

He is a native of Columbiana county, Ohio, born November 15, 1844. His parents, John K. and Lavina H. (Woodward) Rodgers, were natives of Manchester, Pennsylvania. The former was born February 20, 1814, and the latter August 6, 1814. The ancestry on the maternal side can be traced back to Richard Woodward who, in 1687, purchased land in Chester county, Pennsylvania. He was the second owner of the land after it came into the possession of William Penn. Both parents of our subject were reared in Manchester, Pennsylvania, and following their marriage removed to Ohio in 1835, there residing for seven years, after which they became residents of Jefferson county, Ohio, where they remained for twenty years. In 1869 they established their home in Montezuma, where their remaining days were passed, the father's death occurring January 4, 1896, while his wife died November 23, 1881. He was a miller by trade and followed that pursuit until old age caused him to put aside business cares. In the family were eight children: Joseph W., of Montezuma; Elizabeth, who was born in Ohio in September, 1838, and died in 1862; Meribah, who was born in May, 1842, and died in 1862; J. L.; Martha, the wife of George A. Webber, of Montezuma; Nancy M., who was born May 29, 1849, and died October 19, 1862; John J., living in Montezuma;



and Elwood, who was born October 29, 1854, and died October 10, 1862. Four of the children died within a month of diphtheria.

James L. Rodgers spent the days of his childhood and youth in his father's home and worked with his father in a grist and sawmill until February, 1863, when he enlisted from Jefferson county, Ohio, as a member of Company E, Fifty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He served until July, 1865, and took part in the battles of Buzzards Roost, Tunnel Hill, Resaca, Kenesaw Mountain, Rome, Peach Tree Creek, Dalton, Atlanta, the march to the sea and the campaign northward through the Carolinas and Virginia to Washington, where he marched in "grand review" down Pennsylvania avenue and passed the president's stand. When the war was over he returned home but soon afterward went to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, where he attended the Iron City Commercial College. In 1867 he arrived in Montezuma and for one year followed farming. Later he engaged in clerking in a general store for five years, after which he embarked in partnership with his brother Joseph in the conduct of a grocery store, which they conducted under the firm name of Rodgers Brothers for eleven years. At the end of that time he began dealing in butter, eggs, poultry and produce and met with success in that undertaking, in which he continued until 1909, when he sold out and retired.

On the 22d of December, 1870, Mr. Rodgers was married to Miss Rebecca J. Amspoker, who was born in Harrison county, Ohio, near Cadiz, May 2, 1850, and when twelve years of age went to Jefferson county with her parents, Jonas and Ellen J. (Porter) Amspoker, who were natives of the Buckeye state and died in Jefferson county. Mr. and Mrs. Rodgers had two children, but the younger, Glenn A., born in 1883, died in 1895 at the age of eleven and one-half years. The surviving son, Jesse G., is living in Des Moines, is married and has one son, Russel G.

In his political views Mr. Rodgers has been a stalwart republican since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He also sustained an unassailable reputation in business affairs, his well known honesty, his enterprise and untiring industry bringing to him a large patronage whereby he gained substantial success.

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#### MATHIAS WAHNER.

Mathias Wahner, successfully carrying on general agricultural pursuits on a well improved farm of two hundred acres in Bear Creek township, is numbered among Iowa's native sons, his birth occurring in Dubuque county, eighteen miles west of the city of Dubuque, on the 22d of April, 1861. He was but two years of age when his parents removed to Iowa county, and there remained until he was seventeen years of age when, in 1888, he came to Poweshiek county and has since made his home within its boundaries. Reared to farm life, he assisted his father in the cultivation of the home fields until his marriage, when he started out in life on his own account, working as a farm



hand for eight years, three months and three weeks. During that entire time he was employed by only two men. The first four years he received compensation at the rate of two hundred dollars per year, while during the last four years he was paid twenty-five dollars per month.

Eventually, by carefully saving his earnings, he accumulated a sum sufficient to purchase the implements of his employer, whose farm he then continued to operate as a renter for twelve years, when in October, 1903, he purchased his present farm. This tract, consisting of two hundred acres of good land, is located on section 6, Bear Creek township, and here he has since given his attention to general farming and stock-raising. He is industrious, enterprising and progressive, and by careful methods and wise management has brought his place under a high state of cultivation and thereby greatly enhanced its value. He is a stockholder in the Farmers' Cooperative Creamery Company of Brooklyn, and is numbered among the prosperous and substantial agriculturists of Bear Creek township.

Mr. Wahner was married, on the 25th of September, 1883, to Miss Emma Jane Feltwell, who was born on the 21st of September, 1861, in Indiana, and in early childhood came to Iowa with her parents, Porter and Eliza Feltwell. Her father is now deceased and her mother resides with the Wahner household. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Wahner have been born three children, namely: Alfred, at home; Annie E., the wife of De Witt Robeson, of Bear Creek township; and Britt, also still at home.

Politically Mr. Wahner is a stanch democrat, although he has never sought nor desired public office, and fraternally he holds membership with the Knights of Pythias lodge at Brooklyn. Choosing agriculture as a life work, he has never sought to extend his efforts into other fields, preferring to give his undivided attention to the occupation to which he was reared, and his close application thereto has been rewarded by a degree of prosperity which is alike creditable and substantial.

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### JAMES L. SMITH.

James L. Smith, who is now living retired but was for some years actively engaged in the cultivation of his farm in Sugar Creek township, was born in Guernsey county, Ohio, on the 20th of April, 1827, and is a son of John S. and Elizabeth (Outland) Smith. The father was born in Frederick county, Virginia, and the mother in North Carolina. They first met in Belmont county, Ohio, where they were later married. In the early years of their married life they located in Guernsey county, Ohio, where Mr. Smith owned a farm which he cultivated until his demise in 1848. The mother came to Jasper county, Iowa, to make her home with her children in 1855, and there she passed away. Mr. Smith voted with the whig party, and both he and his wife in matters of religion affiliated with the Society of Friends. Only two of the six children born unto them now survive. According to birth they were as follows: Phoebe,

who is deceased; James L., our subject; Josiah, Margaret and Rebecca, all of whom are deceased; and John S., who is a resident of Des Moines, Iowa.

Being the eldest son James L. Smith early had to assist with the work of the old homestead, at the same time acquiring his education in the common schools. After completing his studies he gave his entire time and attention to the work of the farm until he was twenty years of age, following which he engaged in teaming for a year. After the death of his father he returned to the homestead, which he operated for his mother until 1854. In the latter year he migrated to Iowa, locating on a farm which he purchased in Warren county. In 1862 he enlisted as a corporal in Company D, Thirty-fourth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and went to the front, where he served for a year, being mustered out at St. Louis, Missouri. Returning to Iowa he located in Jasper county and for a time engaged in the mercantile business in Galesburg. He withdrew from this later and operated a farm in the same county, continuing to be identified with this vocation there until 1882. In the fall of the latter year he came to Poweshiek county, purchasing one hundred and sixty acres of land in Sugar Creek township. He has effected quite extensive improvements in this property and continues to reside there, although he is not now directly engaged in its cultivation. Mr. Smith always followed general farming, in which pursuit he met with very good success.

On the 22d of June, 1848, Mr. Smith was married to Miss Rosanna Brill the ceremony occurring in Guernsey county, Ohio. She was a daughter of David and Elizabeth (Foraker) Brill, and was born in Guernsey county on the 22d of February, 1824. Mrs. Smith has now passed away, her demise occurring in Sugar Creek township, Poweshiek county, on the 11th of July, 1903.

In his political allegiance Mr. Smith has always been faithful to the principles of the republican party, for whose candidates he casts his ballot. While a resident of Jasper county he served as justice of the peace and supervisor, and he has filled the offices of trustee and clerk of the township where he now resides. He was also postmaster for many years. Fraternally he is a Mason, being identified with the lodge at Newton, Jasper county, while his religious connection is with the Society of Friends, the principles of both organizations having been very instrumental in directing Mr. Smith's relations in life, both public and private.

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#### HENRY REPENN.

Although he has retired from active work Henry Repenn continues to reside on the excellent farm of one hundred and fifty acres in Sheridan township, in the cultivation of which he engaged for many years. Mr. Repenn is a native of Germany. He was born on the 15th of September, 1839, son of Claus and Catharine Repenn, who emigrated to the United States in 1853, locating in Clinton county, Iowa, where the father preempted forty acres of land. In 1871 they purchased one hundred and fifty acres of land on section 5, Sheridan township, Poweshiek county, where they continued to reside until they died, the



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father passing away on the 28th of October, 1900, and the mother on the 15th of March, 1904. They were both natives of Schleswig-Holstein, the father's natal day being the 12th of April, 1816, and the mother's the 29th of September, 1818.

Henry Repenn was a youth of fourteen years of age when his parents came to the United States, so that practically his entire education was acquired in the common schools of the fatherland. He remained under the paternal roof assisting his father in the cultivation of the homestead, one hundred acres of which the latter deeded him in 1877, until after the death of his parents, at which time he purchased from the heirs the remaining fifty acres. His sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jochims, reside with him and operate the farm.

Mr. Repenn has always been very loyal to the country of his adoption and when the call came for volunteers in '61 he responded, enlisting on the 1st of October, 1861, at Lyons, Clinton county, Iowa, in Company A, Fifteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. The regiment was organized at Keokuk, where they remained until the 19th of March, 1862, when they were ordered to report at Benton Barracks, St. Louis, where they were equipped. From St. Louis they were sent into Tennessee, arriving just in time to participate in the battle of Shiloh. Mr. Repenn was taken sick in June, being compelled to spend several months in the hospital at St. Louis. When released he was sent to join his command in Mississippi but was taken prisoner en route by General Forrest, who was then at Trenton, Tennessee, and taken to Columbus, Kentucky, and later to Benton Barracks, St. Louis, under parole. He was retained in the latter place until September, 1863, when he was permitted to join his regiment at Vicksburg. Before the expiration of his period of service he took part in a number of sharp skirmishes, being mustered out on the 16th of November, 1864, at Chattanooga, Tennessee. Returning home Mr. Repenn again engaged in agricultural pursuits, continuing to be identified with general farming and stock-raising during the remainder of his active career.

Mr. Repenn has never married and has for several years made his home with his sister, Mrs. Jochims. He has three other sisters: Mrs. Anna Davids, of Osmond, Nebraska; Mrs. A. W. Mustapha, of Davenport; and Mrs. George Haferbier, of Jackson county, Iowa. He has always been very successful in his ventures and now owns one of the excellent farms of the county, in addition to which he has a very comfortable competence.

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#### WILLIAM EHRET.

On the list of Poweshiek county's honored dead is found the name of William Ehret, who while still active in the world's work was numbered among the prominent and well-to-do agriculturists of his locality. He was born in Erie, Pennsylvania, on the 13th of June, 1833, and was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ehret. His parents were both born in Baden, Germany, but were married in this country. The mother passed away during the early childhood of

her son William, and the father later married again. The subject of this review was the youngest in a family of three children, the others being Mrs. Mary Depinet, and Stephen, also now deceased.

William Ehret spent the period of his boyhood on his father's farm in the Keystone state, and in a German school acquired a good common school education. When he attained the age of sixteen years his father gave him money with which to travel and see something of the country, and after traveling extensively through many of the states of the Union he at last located in Illinois, near Springfield, where he embarked in the nursery business, being thus employed in that city and Bloomington for five years. The fall of 1859 witnessed his arrival in Iowa, and for a number of years he continued to reside on a farm on which he first located, his attention throughout that period being given to general agricultural pursuits. He was very successful in that undertaking and became the owner of a fine farming property of three hundred and two acres, located on section 30, all well improved and now in the possession of his sons. Indeed his success along farming lines was so substantial that in time he was able to withdraw from active work and he spent the last ten years of his life in honorable retirement, making his home in Iowa City, where he passed away on the 8th of April, 1897.

Mr. Ehret was married in Bloomington, Illinois, on the 22d of August, 1859, to Miss Catharine C. Link, of New Rutland, Illinois. Her birth, however, occurred in Columbia county, New York, on the 14th of April, 1838, her parents being Robert and Calinda (Hover) Link. Both were natives of New York and there the mother passed away, while the father's death occurred in Hardin county, Iowa. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Ehret were born nine children, as follows: Mary E., who married Gordon Mikesell, of Chicago, Illinois; Frank A., of Missouri; Charles Herbert, of Deep River; Fred William, operating a part of his father's estate; George W., of Jackson township; Edward Elmer, a graduate of a commercial college of Iowa City and also of the law department of the Iowa State University, who for the past ten years has been engaged in the railway mail service at Tama; Curtis J., who married Miss Mattie R. King and makes his home with his mother on a portion of his father's estate; Emma, who was born on the 20th of December, 1874, and passed away March 22, 1905; and Anna Lillian, a graduate of the Iowa State University, who married J. J. Sharp, an attorney of Hampton, Iowa. There are nineteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren in the family.

Mr. Ehret was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, the teachings of which formed the guiding influences of his life, and in politics he gave his support to the republican party. He was deeply interested in community affairs, although he never sought nor desired public office for himself, and the cause of education found in him a warm friend. He helped to erect the first schoolhouse in Deep River township and likewise all others that were built up to the year 1880, and in many other directions he lent his cooperation toward the betterment and improvement of the community in which he resided. His death occurred on the 8th of April, 1897, when he was sixty-four years of age, and thus was closed a long, active and useful life. His widow survives and is the owner of a fine tract of forty acres, a part of the

original homestead, upon which she has since erected a beautiful residence which is now her home. She is a lady of high character, whose many excellent qualities make her popular among friends and neighbors.

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### CHARLES A. WHITE.

Charles A. White, who engages in general farming and stock-raising in Sugar Creek township, was born in Jasper county, Iowa, on the 3d of September, 1875. He is the eldest son of Samuel M. and Amanda (Sparks) White, the father a native of Rush county, Indiana, and the mother of Jasper county, Iowa. In his early youth Mr. White migrated to Iowa, locating in Mahaska county in the vicinity of Oskaloosa in 1854, where he obtained the greater part of his education. After leaving school he became identified with agricultural pursuits as a means of livelihood. Later he went to Jasper county, where he met and subsequently married Miss Sparks. He engaged in farming there for a good many years but he and his wife are now residents of Riceville, Iowa. In politics Mr. White was always a republican and in matters of religious faith the views of himself and wife coincide with those of the Society of Friends, with which they affiliate. Unto the union of Mr. and Mrs. White were born the following children: Charles A., our subject; Martha, who is deceased; Cora, the wife of Jerry Clark, of Laurel, Iowa; Earl, who is a resident of Los Angeles, California; Elsie, the wife of John Rasmussen, of Riceville, Iowa; and Oliver, who is also a resident of Riceville.

The boyhood and youth of Charles A. White were spent on the homestead where he was born, his education being acquired in the district schools of the vicinity and the public schools of Lynnville. By assisting his father about the farm he early became familiar with the most practical and satisfactory method of tilling the fields and caring for the crops. After completing his education he gave his entire attention to the work of the homestead until he was twenty-one years of age. Leaving the parental roof at that time he rented a farm, which he cultivated for a year. Withdrawing from agricultural pursuits at the expiration of that period he went into Lynnville where he remained for two years. In 1906 he came to Poweshiek county, where he rented for a year, following which he purchased his present homestead of one hundred and seventy acres. He has ever since continued to reside upon this place and engages in general farming and stock-raising, from both of which he is realizing very good financial returns.

Mr. White was married on the 23d of March, 1899, to Miss Rosa Jane Cox, a daughter of John and Amanda (MacFarlan) Cox, well known farming people of Union township, Poweshiek county. To Mr. and Mrs. White have been born five children, the order of their birth being as follows: Archie A., who was born on the 4th of May, 1900; Glenn W., born on the 30th of April, 1902; Oliver Perry, born on the 21st of March, 1904; Elbert A., whose birth occurred on the 31st of July, 1907; and Ruth A., who was born on the 4th of October, 1910.



Ever since acquiring the full rights of citizenship upon attaining his majority Mr. White has cast his vote for the men and measures of the republican party. He takes an active and helpful interest in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the community and has for the past two years been serving on the board of school directors. Energetic and enterprising in his methods and progressive in his ideas Mr. White is meeting with success in his undertakings and is becoming recognized as one of the prosperous young agriculturists of the township.

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### FRED O. CUNNINGHAM.

Edgewood Farm is the name of the homestead of Fred O. Cunningham, one of the successful stockmen and agriculturists of Madison township. He was born in Jefferson township, Poweshiek county, Iowa, on the 6th of April, 1863, a son of James R. and Mariah (Noble) Cunningham. The father, who was born in Indiana, migrated to Mercer county, Illinois, with his parents in 1863, and later they removed to Iowa, locating in Jefferson township. They crossed the Mississippi river at New Boston on a flatboat, and owing to the strong current were carried six miles down stream before they could make a landing. The trip from the river to Jefferson township was made with three yoke of oxen, one week being consumed in the journey. Mr. Cunningham continued to reside upon the old homestead until 1901, when he retired to Belle Plaine, Iowa where he passed away the following year. He had been very successful in his undertakings and had acquired four hundred and forty acres of land in Jefferson township and one farm in Tama county, which he sold just before his death. After the death of her husband Mrs. Cunningham made her home with her children and was living with her son, Fred, at the time of her demise on the 17th of June, 1910.

The first twenty-six years of Fred O. Cunningham's life were spent on the old homestead, his education being obtained in the district schools of his native township. Afterward he assisted his father until 1889, when he removed to his present farm on sections 23 and 26 of Madison township. Subsequent to his marriage he purchased a portion of the farm and the remainder was owned by his wife. Mr. Cunningham has always made a specialty of raising and feeding stock, in which he has met with most gratifying success. He keeps an excellent grade of both cattle and hogs, which he ships to the Chicago market. In 1908 he shipped one hundred head of hogs, averaging three hundred and fifty pounds each, and there were only three sales that day which exceeded his average. Two years later he shipped a carload of steers which averaged one thousand and four pounds each. He fattens his stock in the cornfield before husking the grain and finishes with one or two weeks' feeding in the yards, having found this to be a very satisfactory method.

Mr. Cunningham married Miss Grace Searl, the youngest daughter of Peter H. and Sarah (Isinhour) Searl. The father was born in Greene county, Ohio, on the 7th of August, 1821, and the mother at Tioga, Pennsylvania, on



the 10th of February, 1827. Mrs. Searl in the maternal line was of New England extraction while her father's people came from Virginia; her grandmother, Zilpha Jackson, was a cousin of Andrew Jackson. Mr. and Mrs. Searl were married in 1844, while residing in the vicinity of Princeton, Bureau county, Illinois, where they had moved with their parents when children. They resided there until 1866 when they came to Madison township, locating upon a farm, in the cultivation of which the father engaged for five years, then removing to a place a quarter of a mile south. Ten years later they returned to their former home and there Mrs. Searl passed away in June, 1884. Mr. Searl was killed by lightning on the 9th of May, 1889, while working about the barn of his homestead, which is the place now occupied by his daughter and her husband. Mr. Searl had become quite an extensive landowner, having acquired six hundred acres in various parts of the county, and was considered to be one of the substantial farmers of his township. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham have been born two children: Gail, who is seventeen years of age and a graduate of the Brooklyn high school, class of 1911; and Edward, aged eight, who is attending the school in district No. 7 of Madison township.

Mrs. Cunningham and her daughter are members of the Presbyterian church in Brooklyn and the mother also belongs to the Rebekahs of Brooklyn, Mr. Cunningham being a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. A republican in politics he gives his support to the candidates of that party and is now serving as a director in school district No. 6 of Madison township. Mr. Cunningham is regarded as one of the competent agriculturists and capable business men of the county whose success is the well merited reward of careful and intelligent effort.

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#### DR. JOSEPHINE WETMORE RUST.

Dr. Josephine Wetmore Rust, one of the leading and successful medical practitioners of Grinnell, has made this town the scene of her professional labors for the past sixteen years, specializing in the diseases of women and children. Her birth occurred in Charles City, Iowa, on the 20th of January, 1870, her parents being George E. and Antoinette (Miller) Wetmore, who were born, reared and married in the state of New York. Soon after their marriage they journeyed westward to Omaha, Nebraska, where Mr. Wetmore engaged in merchandising. Subsequently he took up his abode in Charles City, Iowa, and there turned his attention to the buying of grain and stock. From Charles City he made his way to Clear Lake, Iowa, where he continued in the grain and stock business. In 1896 he came to Grinnell, being here successfully engaged in the hardware business until impaired health necessitated his retirement. His demise occurred in July, 1904, and was the occasion of deep and widespread regret. Fraternally he was identified with the Masons, being a worthy exemplar of the craft for many years. He was a republican in politics but never sought office as a reward for his party fealty.

Josephine Wetmore was reared under the parental roof and early in life determined upon the practice of medicine as her future work. For three years she read medicine under the direction of Dr. S. A. Campbell, of Malvern, Iowa, teaching school a part of the time. She began teaching when but sixteen years of age and was only nineteen years of age when she entered the Northwestern University at Chicago, being graduated from the medical department of that institution as the youngest member of the class of 1891. Following her graduation she took the position of resident physician of the Industrial School for Girls at Mitchellville, Iowa, where she remained for almost a year. Returning to Chicago, she became resident physician of the Mary Thompson Hospital for women and children, where she likewise remained for a year. Again removing to Mitchellville, Iowa, she resumed her former position in the State Industrial School for Girls, continuing there for two and a half years. On the 1st of April, 1895, she came to Grinnell, where she has been successfully engaged in practice to the present time, making a specialty of the diseases of women and children. Her labors have been attended with gratifying results and have won her an enviable reputation as a skilled physician and surgeon. In 1902 she pursued a post-graduate course of study in the Chicago Post Graduate School.

On the 1st of March, 1905, Dr. Wetmore was united in marriage to Raymond R. Rust, a native of Dexter, Iowa, who was at that time one of the leading druggists of Grinnell. He is at present a commercial salesman for the Meyer Brothers Drug Company of St. Louis. Dr. Rust is now the mother of two children: Harriet Isabelle and Joseph La Verne. She is popular in professional and social circles alike, her many excellent traits of heart and mind having endeared her to all with whom she has come in contact.

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#### HENRY F. CARL.

The best improved farm in Deep River township is the property of Henry F. Carl, and in its excellent appearance indicates the practical and progressive methods and spirit of industry, enterprise and thrift on the part of its owner. He was born in Geneseo, Henry county, Illinois, on the 19th of November, 1871, a son of Martin and Bertha Amelia (Yahnke) Carl, both natives of Germany, and born in 1840 and 1842 respectively. They were married in the fatherland and shortly afterward came to the United States, arriving in Illinois in the spring of 1869. The father there carried on farming for a number of years and both passed away in that state, Mr. Carl in 1888, and his wife in 1886. In their family were the following children, nine in number: Herman W., of Geneseo, Illinois; Henry F., of this review; Frank, of Denison, Iowa; Louis, of Erie, Illinois; Otto and John, both residing in Geneseo, Illinois; Gustave, of Magnolia, Minnesota; David, of Chicago; and Amelia, who married William Conrad, of Hillsdale, Illinois.

After the death of the parents the family was broken up and the children were forced to seek employment whereby they might earn their own livelihood. Henry F. Carl, who was seventeen years of age at the time of his father's demise, was employed for thirteen years as a farm hand, working by the month, and during

that period he gained broad experience and thorough knowledge of the best methods of carrying on agriculture. He was thus engaged until the time of his marriage, after which he rented a farm for about a year. In February, 1907, he came to Iowa and purchased his present home in Poweshiek county, consisting of two hundred and eighty-three acres, located on section 19, on the Jackson township line. This place has been brought under a high state of cultivation, contains two large barns and sheds, commodious corn cribs, a silo, and in fact every accessory that goes to make up a model farm, and today it has the distinction of being the best improved property in the township. All these years he has been raising, feeding and fattening stock, and prosperity has attended his efforts to the extent that he is accounted one of the substantial agriculturists of this section.

Mr. Carl was married July 7, 1898, to Miss Anna Johnson, who was born in Sweden on January 10, 1879, and came to America in company with her brother Charles. Unto this union have been born the following children: Alice, Elmer and Edna, born in Illinois; and Melba and Esther, whose births occurred in Poweshiek county, Iowa; Henry, who is deceased, was born in March, 1900, and was two years and nine months old at the time of his demise.

Mr. Carl holds membership in the Lutheran church and belongs to the Modern Brotherhood of America, at Deep River. He gives stalwart support to the republican party but the honors and emoluments of office have never held attraction for him. He prefers to concentrate his energies upon his private affairs and he is justly accounted one of the good business men of the community. He certainly deserves much credit for what he has accomplished, as he started out in life at a very early age, with no capital save his natural qualities of industry and determination, and the years have marked his successive progress until he is today one of the substantial citizens of Poweshiek county.

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#### OLIVER GAUSE.

A fine farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Sugar Creek township does credit to the agricultural skill of Oliver Gause, who was born in the village of Spiceland, Henry county, Indiana, on the 12th of January, 1851. His parents are Eli C. and Martha A. (Harold) Gause, natives of Ohio and North Carolina respectively. The father, who is a wheelwright, followed his trade in connection with that of carpentry in Spiceland until 1854. Together with his wife and family he migrated to Iowa in the latter year purchasing a farm in Sugar Creek township, Poweshiek county, which he cultivated for about eight years. Disposing of his property at the end of that time he returned to Henry county, Indiana, where he worked at the carpenter's trade until 1868. He subsequently went to North Carolina, coming from there to Poweshiek county, where he engaged in the mercantile business for three years. Selling his interest he went to Lynnville and entered the dry goods business, with which he still continues to be identified. Mr. Gause casts his vote for the democracy and both he and his wife belong to the Society of Friends. Six children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Gause, in the following order: John H., who is a resident of Lynnville,



Jasper county, Iowa; Oliver, our subject; Albert, who is living in Jasper county, Iowa; Samuel, a resident of Oregon; Isaac, who makes his home in Hamilton county, Indiana; and Seth, who resides in Marshalltown, Iowa. .

In the acquirement of his education Oliver Gause attended the common schools of Spiceland, Indiana, in which town he spent the greater portion of his boyhood and youth. Afterward he returned to Poweshiek county, where he farmed as a renter until 1875, when he purchased eighty acres of land in Sugar Creek township, which forms the nucleus of his present homestead. Having met with success in his undertakings he was later able to add another forty acres to his tract, making the aggregate of his holdings one hundred and twenty acres. In connection with the cultivation of his fields Mr. Gause raises cattle and hogs, in which he has met with very fair success.

On January 21, 1872, Mr. Gause and Miss Mary Beals were united in marriage, she being a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Beals) Beals, and a native of Tennessee, where she was born on the 13th of January, 1852. The parents were also natives of Tennessee, in which state they were married. Mr. Beals, who was a farmer, migrated to Iowa with his family, first locating in Henry county, going from there to Jasper county, where both he and his wife passed away. He was a republican and a member of the Home Guards, while both he and his wife affiliated with the Society of Friends. Five children were born of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Gause: Lineus T., who is a resident of Lynnville, Iowa; Ora, the wife of W. B. Hathaway, of Oskaloosa, Iowa; Elmer O., who is living in Limon, Colorado; Goldie, the wife of A. B. Latham, of Searsboro, Iowa; and Lester H., who is also a resident of Limon, Colorado.

Mr. Gause is a democrat and always votes for the candidates of that party, and at the present time he is serving as township trustee, having been the incumbent of that office for a year. Both he and his wife affiliate with the Society of Friends, in which organization he is very active, being both elder and clerk of the meeting.

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#### CHARLES H. PARSONS.

The name of Parsons is recognized throughout Malcom township as a synonym for genuine and warm-hearted hospitality, and the household of which Charles H. Parsons is the head is one of the most interesting and highly respected in this locality.

The family is of good New England stock, the parents of Mr. Parsons, Henry and Louisa (Kingsbury) Parsons, having both been natives of Massachusetts, where the former was born on the 12th of September, 1812, and the latter on the 4th of February, 1810. They were reared and married in the the old Bay state and in 1861 left the east, making their way to Illinois, where they resided until 1872, in which year they came to Iowa. After their arrival in this state they established their home in Marion county, but in the fall of 1874 came to Poweshiek county and here spent their remaining days, passing away on the homestead upon which their surviving children now reside. Mr. Parsons engaged in





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farming during his residence in Iowa, but ere leaving his native state operated a stage line and carried mail in Massachusetts prior to the advent of the railroad. At one time he owned four livery stables and was engaged in that line of activity for many years, acquiring a goodly competence. He and his wife were remarkable people, of exemplary lives, who enjoyed excellent health until the very last. They survived to see four of their children marry and return home after losing husbands and wife. They were not long separated by death, the mother passing away on the 24th of January, 1900, while the father followed her on the 25th of October, 1902. In their family were five children, as follows: Jane Cornelia, who was born on the 28th of May, 1835, and is now the widow of Anson F. Hills; Charles H., of this review; Emma E., born April 12, 1839, the widow of Charles C. Merrick; Delphina D., born April 22, 1844, the widow of Thomas C. Carroll; and Isabelle S., who passed away at the age of two years.

Charles H. Parsons, the only son of the family, was born in Ludlow, Massachusetts, September 27, 1836, and was therefore thirty-three years of age when he came to Iowa in 1869, first locating in Marion county, where he was later joined by his parents. With them he came to Poweshiek county in 1874, and since that time has continued to make his home within its borders. He and his three widowed sisters reside together upon a farm of two hundred and forty acres located on section 13, the property of his niece, the daughter of Mrs. Hills. Aside from the operation of this farm he also superintends the management of a tract of forty acres owned by his sister, Mrs. Hills. Mr. Parsons has a military record covering one year's service in the Civil war. Scarcely had the smoke of Fort Sumter's guns cleared away when he volunteered for service at the first call for troops. At that time seventy-five thousand men went to Springfield in response to the call, and as there were too many to muster in at that time, he was among those who were sent home. When the call for men to serve for three years came, he enlisted, on the 15th of August, 1861, becoming a member of Company C, Ninety-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Brown. After only a year's service, however, he was discharged at Keokuk, Iowa, because of disability, and he returned to civil pursuits.

Mr. Parsons was married, in June, 1861, at Wyanet, Illinois, to Miss Eliza K. Barry, who was born in Wyanet and there passed away in 1863, leaving a son, Scott B. Parsons, who was born on the 3d of June, 1862, and passed away on the 4th of March, 1881. Mr. Parsons gives his political allegiance to the republican party, and although the honors and emoluments of office have had no attraction for him, he nevertheless is keenly alive to the questions and issues of the day in which he takes a deep interest, and readily cooperates in and indorses all measures and movements which tend to promote the welfare of the community in which he resides.

Jane Cornelia Parsons, the eldest daughter of the family, was united in marriage, in 1859, to Anson F. Hills, who was born in Connecticut in 1810. In the year of his marriage he came west, locating first in Illinois, and later he made his way to Iowa, arriving in Poweshiek county in 1867. This remained his place of residence until his death, which occurred on the 20th of April, 1874. Prior to his marriage he traveled in the east with Judge Knox, of Bureau county, Illinois, in connection with the book business, in which line the latter amassed a goodly

fortune. After coming west, however, he became a farmer and capitalist, buying and selling many farms in Illinois. He owned the farm of two hundred and eighty acres on section 13, now occupied by his wife and her sisters and brother. He purchased this property in 1870, at which time the dwelling was being utilized as a hotel, as many as one hundred emigrant wagons often passing by it each day on their westward journey. He is survived by his wife and one daughter, Hattie L., the wife of Thomas A. Cheshire, who was at one time state senator and is now residing in Des Moines. A son, Harry, passed away in March, 1862, when two years of age.

The second daughter in the Parsons family is Emma E., who in 1866 became the wife of Charles C. Merrick, a native of Munson, Massachusetts, where he was born on the 11th of April, 1824. He was reared and educated in his native city and later went south as a school teacher, being connected with that profession for several years. Subsequently he became a contractor and builder at Memphis, Tennessee, in which line of activity he was most successful until the outbreak of the Civil war, when he lost very heavily. He then went to Chicago, where he enlisted as a private of the Fifty-first Illinois Volunteer Infantry in 1861, under command of Captain Wentz. He served throughout the entire period of hostilities and was promoted to the rank of captain, in which position he was serving when he was wounded at the battle of Chickamauga. He was breveted major March 13, 1865. While Mr. Merrick was at the front his half-brother, Jacob B. Merrick, an extensive cotton manufacturer, operating the Merrick Cotton Mills of Thorndike, Massachusetts, passed away, leaving him a handsome fortune of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. After the close of the war he went to Peru, Illinois, where, in connection with his brother, George Merrick, he purchased the Peru Coal Company, of which he became president. He was successfully engaged in the conduct of this business for many years, but shortly before his death suffered the loss of his property. He passed away on the 23d of June, 1893, in Malcom township, while on a visit here. Mrs. Merrick is an artist of considerable note, having taken up the study of water color and china painting in childhood. She was one of the first china painters in Chicago, and after the loss of her husband's property devoted her attention to art as a business proposition, from which she reaped substantial financial returns. She painted the picture called the "Cyclone," for the Iowa State College, and has many beautiful specimens of her skill in her home.

Delphina D., the youngest living daughter, was married in Michigan, in 1873, to Thomas C. Carroll, whose birth occurred in Middletown, Connecticut, on the 10th of August, 1847. Mr. Carroll spent the first twenty years of his life in his native city, after which he went to Springfield, Massachusetts, and later made his way west, locating in Chicago. For a number of years he conducted a merchant tailoring establishment in the western metropolis, and then, in 1876, came to Poweshiek county, Iowa, where he made his home for two years. In 1878 he removed to Montezuma, Iowa, and there engaged in the hotel business, at first as the proprietor of the old Montezuma House, and later as owner of the Emslie. In 1889 he was burned out, after which he erected the present three-story brick hotel at that city. His connection with the hotel business in Montezuma covered the period from 1878 to 1895, a period which witnessed a gradual but sub-



stantial advancement. He passed away in Malcom township in 1896, leaving a widow and one son, Charles T., now residing in Portage, Wisconsin.

Mr. Parsons and his three widowed sisters are active, intelligent and refined, forming an interesting and charming household group. They are all fond of the social amenities of life and enjoy entertaining their many friends, and their home is the seat of a warm-hearted and sincere hospitality which is cordially extended to all. They are held in the highest esteem and regard by their friends and neighbors and, indeed, are spoken of in terms of unstinted praise by all who know them.

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### ALEXANDER WYLIE.

Iowa largely owes her progress and wealth to her agricultural interests. History has ever given proof of the fact that the most prosperous countries are the ones which offer the best opportunities to the agriculturist. Living a life of intense and well directed activity Alexander Wylie, residing on section 25, Bear Creek township, is numbered among the active and progressive farmers and stock-breeders of that part of the state. He was born in County Antrim, Ireland, on the 12th of December, 1854, a son of Robert and Elizabeth J. (Lavender) Wylie. The parents were born and reared on the Emerald isle, and there the mother's death occurred. The father later came to America, about twenty-five years ago, and here purchased a farm in Jasper county, Iowa, where he lived until recently, when he sold his property and retired, taking up his abode in the village of Hartwick, Jefferson township, Poweshiek county, where he is now living.

Alexander Wylie spent the period of his boyhood and youth in the land of his nativity, and when twenty years of age he came to the United States, landing in New York in 1874. He did not tarry on the eastern coast, however, but made his way direct into the interior of the country, locating in Scott county, Iowa, where he remained for four years, being engaged as a farm hand. He then moved to Jasper county and with the money which he had been able to save purchased a farm of eighty acres. This he continued to operate for ten years, after which he came to Poweshiek county and bought a farm of three hundred and twenty acres in Jefferson township, about two miles west of Hartwick, which remained his home for nine years. At the end of that time he sold that property and came to Bear Creek township, becoming the owner of his present homestead of one hundred and sixty acres located on section 25. This is a well improved farm, being well drained and watered, and under his wise management and supervision it has been brought under a high state of cultivation. He raises large quantities of hay, oats, corn and potatoes, and makes a specialty of feeding hogs, which he sells to shippers. He gives close attention to his farming interests and has everything on hand with which to pursue agriculture by modern methods, while his present degree of prosperity indicates clearly the business ability which he has displayed in the performance of same.

On the 20th of November, 1886, Mr. Wylie was united in marriage to Miss Agnes Paul, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Elder) Paul, both natives of County Antrim, Ireland. The father was a farmer by occupation and in their native country he and his wife spent their entire lives. Their daughter Agnes was a maiden of eighteen summers when she came alone to America in July, 1880, and it was in Jasper county, Iowa, that she first met and was later married to Mr. Wylie. She lost her father in early childhood and her mother passed away in 1890. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Wylie have been born nine children, one of whom passed away in infancy. The others are: Edith Jane, living at home; Lavina, the wife of Glen Beery, a farmer of Warren township, Poweshiek county; Margaret Ella, who married Carl Burlingame, engaged in farming in Bear Creek township; and Leslie, Ray, Maude, Adaline and Everett Alexander, all of whom are yet at home. Mr. and Mrs. Wylie and the five eldest children are members of the Brooklyn Presbyterian church, and the entire family are held in high esteem throughout the community in which they reside.

Mr. Wylie gives his support to the republican party and, while he has no desire for preferment along political lines, he yet keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day. He is a man of noble qualities of character, of strong and resolute purpose, industrious and enterprising, and, well known throughout the community for his uprightness and honesty, he merits and enjoys the respect and confidence of his neighbors and many friends.

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#### AARON MAIN.

The homestead of Aaron Main in Sugar Creek township is entirely devoted to general farming in connection with stock-raising, from both of which he is realizing very satisfactory returns. Mr. Main was born in Darke county, Ohio, on the 24th of September, 1854, and is a son of Joshua A. and Nellie (Phillips) Main, the father a native of Maryland and the mother of Darke county, Ohio. In his early manhood Joshua A. Main migrated from his native state to Darke county, where he met the woman who subsequently became his wife. There he engaged in farming until he came to Poweshiek county. Upon his arrival here he first located in Union township where he rented land for a time, but later he purchased a farm in Sugar Creek township, which he cultivated until his death, making a specialty of raising cattle. His demise occurred on the 18th of February, 1901, but the mother is still surviving and now makes her home in Sugar Creek township. Mr. Main was a democrat and served as township trustee. Unto him and his wife were born six children in the following order: John, who is deceased; William P., who is living in Leon, North Dakota; Aaron, our subject; Jacob, who resides in Sugar Creek township; Jane, the wife of John Fleener, of Sugar Creek township; and Elizabeth, who married George Allender, of Kingman county, Kansas.

Reared to manhood on the old family homestead in Sugar Creek township Aaron Main obtained his education in the district schools in the vicinity. Being called upon to assist with the work of the farm from his very early boyhood by

the time he had attained his maturity he was well versed in the practical science of agriculture. After leaving the parental roof he worked out as a farm hand until 1878, when he purchased forty acres of his present holdings. By means of careful management and rigid economy he was later able to increase his holdings by the addition of another seventy acres. He has erected all of the improvements upon his place, which he cleared and put under cultivation as he was able, and now owns one of the valuable farms of the township. His fields are all in a high state of cultivation, while he keeps a good grade of cattle, horses and hogs.

On the 2d of June, 1878, Mr. Main was united in marriage to Miss Martha F. Peckham, who was born in Appanoose county, Iowa, on the 10th of August, 1859, a daughter of Fred and Jane (Denning) Peckham, natives of Ohio, who migrated to Iowa during the pioneer days and located in Appanoose county, where the father engaged in farming. They affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal church, but both are now deceased. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Main there were born nine children: Charles, who is a resident of Sugar Creek township; Clarence, living in the same place; Stella, the wife of Elmer Gause, of Limon, Colorado; Nellie, the wife of William Dowd, of Grinnell; John, who is living in Sugar Creek township; Ada, the wife of Claude Naylor, of Grinnell; Cora, who married Claude Bailey, of Colorado; and Effie and Aaron, both of whom are at home.

Mr. Main votes with the democracy and has served as township trustee for ten years. In matters religious he affiliates with the Society of Friends and his wife with the Methodist Episcopal church, while fraternally he is connected with the Masonic order and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and his wife is a member of the Rebekah lodge. During the thirty-three years he has been a resident of Sugar Creek township Mr. Main has won the regard of many with whom he has come in contact, and all concede that he well deserves the success which has attended his efforts.

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#### G. W. STILWELL.

One of the representative farmers and stockmen of Sugar Creek township is G. W. Stilwell, who owns one of the valuable homesteads of the district. A native of the township where he is now residing, Mr. Stilwell's natal day was the 4th of July, 1861, his parents having been Elias and Hannah (Horner) Stilwell.

The father was born in Warren county, Ohio, on the 20th of September, 1817, while the birth of the mother, who was also a native of the Buckeye state, occurred in Preble county. The parents met in the latter county and were married in December, 1837. Mr. Stilwell for a time engaged in farming in Preble county, whence he migrated to Randolph county, Indiana, where they resided for two years, following which they removed to Wayne county, Indiana, locating on a farm in New Garden township, which he cultivated until 1857. In the spring of the latter year, together with his wife and family, he came to Iowa, purchasing

a farm of three hundred and ten acres in Sugar Creek township, Poweshiek county. He wrought many improvements upon this property during the long period of his occupancy, engaging in general farming until about ten years prior to his demise, when he retired to New Sharon, Mahaska county, Iowa. There he passed away on the 12th of September, 1895, the mother having died in July, 1877, while the family were residing on the homestead in Sugar Creek township. In politics Mr. Stilwell was a democrat. He held membership in the Masonic fraternity and both he and his wife belonged to the Christian church. Twelve children were born of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Stilwell: Benjamin and Obadiah, both of whom are deceased; William E., who is a resident of Sugar Creek township; and Mary Ann, Helena Margaret, Prudence Adeline; Sarah Jane, Emmeline and Lydia Ellen, all of whom are deceased; John Andrews, a resident of South Dakota; G. W., our subject; and James, who lives in Missouri.

The education of G. W. Stilwell was obtained in the district schools of Sugar Creek township. In common with the majority of lads who are reared on a farm he was early trained in the work of the homestead, his responsibility increasing as his strength and ability developed with the passing years. After completing his studies he gave his entire time and attention to the work of the farm until he felt competent to begin for himself. One hundred and sixty acres of the land now embraced in the homestead of Mr. Stilwell was inherited from his father. He has so intelligently and capably directed his ventures as to have met with unusual success and he now has five hundred and five acres of land under cultivation. In connection with the cultivation of his extensive fields he also raises stock, making a specialty of Poland China and Chester White hogs. All of the improvements now standing upon his property have been erected during the period of his occupancy, and his is one of the most attractive places in the township.

In Sugar Creek township Mr. Stilwell and Miss Georgetta Craver were united in marriage on the 6th of October, 1883. Mrs. Stilwell was a daughter of George W. and Elizabeth (Mackey) Craver, well known residents of Sugar Creek township at that time. The father was a native of Pennsylvania and the mother of North Carolina. Mr. Craver, who was a farmer, migrated to Iowa during the pioneer days and settled on a farm in Sugar Creek township, where Mrs. Craver passed away. He subsequently removed to Arkansas and there he died. His political support he always gave to the candidates of the republican party, and fraternally he was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. A Civil war veteran, he maintained relations with his comrades of the field through the medium of the G. A. R., in which organization he held membership.

Unto the union of Mr. and Mrs. Stilwell there was born one son, Lamont C., who is living on the homestead. He is a native of Poweshiek county, his birth having occurred in Sugar Creek township on the 1st of July, 1885. Agricultural pursuits have always engaged his attention and for his wife he chose Miss Myrtle Saunders, a daughter of John L. and Ellen (Quaintance) Saunders, residents of New Sharon, Mahaska county, Iowa, their marriage being solemnized on the 23d of December, 1906. They have one child, Etta Ruth, who was born July 2, 1911. Mrs. G. W. Stilwell passed away on the 14th of March, 1910, her



demise occurring at San Antonio, Texas, and she was laid to rest in the cemetery at New Sharon, Iowa.

Mr. Stilwell votes with the republican party but does not prominently participate in political activities. A man of unremitting diligence and perseverance he has met with success in his undertakings and is now rated as one of the affluent agriculturists of Sugar Creek township.

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### C. C. CRAVER.

C. C. Craver, whose honorable record as a veteran of the Civil war entitles him to favorable mention among the representative citizens of Poweshiek county, was born in Franklinville, Gloucester county, New Jersey, on the 19th of June, 1841, and has therefore reached the seventieth milestone on life's journey. His parents, Samuel and Elizabeth (Nelson) Craver, were natives of the same county who, in 1852, came west to Indiana and in the fall of 1855 arrived in Iowa, locating at Forest Home, where both passed away. The father was a farmer by occupation and devoted his entire lifetime to agricultural pursuits.

C. C. Craver, who was the fourth in order of birth in a family of fifteen children, was but a year and a half old when he was taken to the home of his uncle, Cornelius Cawman, by whom he was reared. With his uncle he came to Iowa about 1856, locating near Forest Home, in Union township, Poweshiek county, and here he has since engaged in general farming. For the past thirty-five years he has resided on his present farm of one hundred and twenty acres, located on sections 8 and 17, Deep River township, a well improved property equipped with all the accessories and conveniences for facilitating farm labor.

Mr. Craver had just attained his majority when, on the 11th of August, 1862, he enlisted for service in the Civil war, becoming a member of Company C, Twenty-eighth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and served throughout the remainder of the war. He took part in the battles of Winchester, Fisher's Hill and Cedar Creek, and during the battle at Winchester was slightly wounded. He was in the hospital during the winter of 1862-3 and later was detailed for service at the headquarters of the corps under General Ransom during the Red River campaign. He continued as a private throughout the period of hostilities and was honorably discharged after a term of service characterized by the utmost loyalty and bravery.

On the 28th of February, 1867, Mr. Craver was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Light, who was born in Illinois in 1848, and in infancy was brought to Iowa by her parents, Mathias and Martha (Hightower) Light. The father, who was born in Virginia, passed away in Montezuma, and the mother, a native of Tennessee, still survives and makes her home in that city. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Craver have been born seven children, as follows: J. W., of St. Joseph, Missouri; Charles G., of Ione, New Mexico; Frederick M., of Norfolk, Virginia; Mrs. Mary J. Stackhouse and Mrs. Sarah E. Henzie, twins, the former now deceased and the latter a resident of California; Lulu, who married Manuel Holderness, of Deep River township; and Thomas, of this township.

Mr. Craver is a republican in politics, giving stalwart support to the party which stood in defense of the Union during the dark days of the Civil war, and he maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades through his membership in Wisener Post, G. A. R., at Montezuma. Fraternally he is identified with the Masonic order, belonging to Golden Rod Lodge, No. 512, A. F. & A. M., at Deep River. Although he has now passed the seventieth milestone on life's journey he is still active in business and is one of the well known and most highly respected citizens of the county, for in times of peace he has ever remained as true and loyal to the welfare of his state and country as in the days when following the old flag on southern battle fields.

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### JOHN MOLER.

The consensus of public opinion places John Moler among the leading citizens of Montezuma, not alone because of his own success in business but also because he has ever manifested a helpful spirit in matters relating to the public welfare, giving generous support to various projects for the benefit and up-building of this city. His entire life has measured up to the highest standards of manhood. His quietude of deportment, his easy dignity, his frankness and cordiality of address, with a total absence of anything sinister or anything to conceal, foretold a man who is ready to meet any obligation of life with the confidence and courage that come of conscious personal ability, ready conception of things and an habitual regard for what is best in the execution of human activities.

A native of Adams county, Ohio, he was born November 17, 1847, a son of Rev. Andrew Moler, whose birth occurred in Highland county, Ohio, June 13, 1824. His great-grandfather, the Rev. Joseph Moler, emigrated from Germany with his parents in 1747 and landed at Philadelphia, and soon after the family home was established at Georgetown, where he remained until the beginning of hostilities inaugurating the Revolutionary war. He served as a defender of American interests and at the close of the war found himself in Georgia. He afterward went to Kentucky and thence to Highland county, Ohio, where he died at the venerable age of ninety years. The grandfather was the Rev. John Moler, who was born in Nicholas county, Kentucky, April 8, 1796, and accompanied his parents on their removal to Highland county, Ohio. In early manhood he became affiliated with the ministry of the German Baptist church and devoted his life to that calling. He also conducted agricultural pursuits and his career was one of wide usefulness in behalf of his fellowmen and deep regret was felt at his death, which occurred in 1857.

Rev. Andrew Moler, the father, also determined to devote his life to the work of the ministry, as had his father and grandfather, and was ordained in the German Baptist church. He labored for the moral uplift of the citizens of Highland county, Ohio, until 1853, when he removed to Jay county, Indiana. There he engaged in preaching the gospel until 1861, at which time he returned to Ohio, residing in Clermont county until 1864, when he came to Keokuk county.



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Iowa, settling on a farm near South English. There he carried on general agricultural pursuits and also continued his ministerial labors whenever opportunity favored. He married Martha A. Phillips, who was born in Ohio, December 13, 1827, and was a daughter of Asa F. Phillips, a native of Maryland, who became one of the early settlers of the Buckeye state, where he followed farming until 1851, when he removed to Indiana. He was a devoted and faithful member of the Methodist church and passed away at the venerable age of ninety years. His daughter, Martha, became the wife of the Rev. Andrew Moler and unto them were born seven children, of whom five children are still living.

John Moler, the eldest of the family, spent his youthful days in the usual manner of farm lads amid the agricultural environment of Ohio and Indiana, and in 1864 he came with his father to Iowa, in which state he aided in the development and improvement of the home farm, giving to his father the benefit of his services until twenty-two years of age. He was then married and started out in life on his own account. It was in 1869 that he wedded Miss Nancy M. Myers, a native of Virginia and a daughter of Christian Myers, one of the early settlers of Iowa county, Iowa, where for many years he engaged in farming. Following his marriage Mr. Moler took his bride to a farm in Pilot township, Iowa county, where he purchased one hundred acres of raw land. He then devoted his time and energies to the work of breaking the soil and tilling the fields, and each year witnessed a marked transformation in the appearance of the place as his care and cultivation converted it into a valuable property. In 1882 he left the farm and removed to Kinross, where he established a lumber business under the firm name of John Moler & Company. A year later, however, he came to Montezuma, where he has since made his home. He was first connected with the business interests of this city as a grain and lumber merchant, built lumberyards and elevators and for a time carried on his interests under the firm style of Moler & Company, which was later changed to Moler & Clark upon the admission of M. J. Clark to a partnership. His elevators and cribs, with a capacity of forty thousand bushels, were situated on the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad and the firm made extensive annual shipments. They also handled all kinds of lumber and building material, and, extending the field of his operations, Mr. Moler became a stockholder in the Savings Bank of Montezuma, in the electric light plant and also became connected with the lumber trade at Clarion, Iowa, as a partner in the firm of James Sturgeon & Company. He continued in the grain and lumber business at Montezuma from 1881 until 1908 and then sold out, but after a brief period he again became an active factor in commercial circles, opening a clothing house in 1910, which he is now conducting. He has no interest in the lumber business at the present time but he and his former partner, Mr. Clark, still own the lumber and grain plant which they have leased. Mr. Moler is likewise the owner of a good farm in Jackson township, Poweshiek county. His business and property interests are the visible evidence of a well spent life, whereby he has attained a gratifying measure of prosperity.

In 1900 Mr. Moler was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who died in that year, leaving three daughters, all of whom are graduates of Cornell College. Elizabeth, who for some years was successfully engaged in teaching,

is now engaged in church work, doing field work in the Deaconess Home at Great Falls, Montana. Cora C. is a graduate nurse of Wesley Hospital of Chicago and is following her profession in that city. Jennie is the wife of Thomas C. McIntyre, of Halsey, Nebraska. In 1904 Mr. Moler was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Abbie S. Tribbet, a daughter of F. A. Kilburn, a pioneer merchant of Montezuma.

In community affairs Mr. Moler has ever taken a deep and helpful interest and gives his aid and cooperation to many measures and projects for the general good. He is serving as member of the city council and for seven years, from 1900 until 1907, filled the office of county supervisor. He has always voted the republican ticket and its principles have found in him a stalwart supporter. Socially he is connected with both the subordinate lodge and encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and also with the Iowa Legion of Honor, of which he formerly served as secretary and treasurer for ten years. He has long been a devoted and faithful member of the Methodist church, in which he has served as a trustee, and was also a delegate to its general conference in 1900. His life has been active, busy and useful, crowned not only with material success as the reward of his industry but also with the high regard of his fellowmen, tendered him in recognition of sterling worth.

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#### WALTER A. FRASER.

Walter A. Fraser, one of the thrifty and prosperous young agriculturists of Warren township, is the owner of a well improved farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 30. His birth occurred in Bear Creek township, Poweshiek county, on the 17th of March, 1870, his parents being Donald and Martha J. (Coulson) Fraser. The mother, a lady of German descent, was born near Columbus, Franklin county, Ohio, and is now living at Anthon, Woodbury county, Iowa, with her daughter, Mrs. Edna Moore. Donald Fraser, known by his friends as "Uncle Donald," was born on the 30th of October, 1831, at Inverness-shire, Scotland, where he resided until he was twenty-one years of age. On attaining his majority he crossed the Atlantic to the United States, settling in Illinois. In 1856 he came to Iowa and took up his abode on a farm near Brooklyn, Poweshiek county. At the time of the Civil war he enlisted for service in defense of the Union, joining the Fourth Iowa Cavalry on the 20th of February, 1864, and remaining with that command until the close of hostilities. He participated in sixteen decisive engagements and when the war had ended returned to his farm in Bear Creek township, Poweshiek county, here residing until February, 1893. At that time he removed to Woodbury county, Iowa, making his home near Anthon until called to his final rest on the 8th of September, 1909. He was an honored member of the Grand Army of the Republic. On the 22d of October, 1858, at Brooklyn, Iowa, he had wedded Miss Martha Jane Coulson, by whom he had seven children, namely: J. S., who operates a farm of one hundred and eighty-five acres belonging to A. Braden, and who married Miss Georgiana Adams, a daughter of Warren Adams, an agriculturist of Warren town-

ship; Walter A., of this review; Rufus, who follows farming in Woodbury county, Iowa, and who wedded Miss Letha Waldo of that county; Catharine, the wife of Wilmer Adams, an agriculturist of Warren township, this county; Edna, the widow of Henry Moore, and who resides in Woodbury county, this state; Sallie, who died at the age of fourteen years; and Harvey, who passed away when a little lad of three years of age.

Walter A. Fraser assisted his father in the work of the fields until he was twenty years of age, when he started out as an agriculturist on his own account. He devoted his attention to the cultivation of rented land in Bear Creek and Warren townships for nine years and then purchased the tract of one hundred and twenty acres which has since remained in his possession. By an additional purchase of forty acres he has since extended the boundaries of his farm to include a quarter section of land. In addition to raising the cereals best adapted to soil and climate he also breeds registered Hereford cattle. He feeds both cattle and hogs and ships his stock to Chicago. He has won a gratifying measure of success in his undertakings as a farmer and stockman and is widely recognized as one of the substantial and representative citizens of the community.

On the 6th of March, 1895, Mr. Fraser was united in marriage to Miss Clara Willett, a daughter of Cornelius and Eliza (Adams) Willett. Mr. Willett, a well known agriculturist of Warren township, is now living retired in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Fraser. His wife died on the 18th of December, 1904, her demise occurring at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ira Baker, of Bear Creek township, this county. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Fraser have been born five children, namely: Vergie, who is fifteen years old; Eva, aged twelve years; Gladys and Florence, who are eleven and seven years of age respectively; and Dorothy, who was born on the 18th of March, 1909, and died on the 21st of December, 1910. All of the living children are students in district school No. 9, Warren township.

Mr. Fraser gives his political allegiance to the republican party, while fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Brooklyn. His wife is a faithful member of the Episcopal church at that place. Mr. and Mrs. Fraser enjoy in large measure the confidence and esteem of those with whom they have come in contact, and the hospitality of their pleasant home is greatly enjoyed by their many friends.

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### JOHN D. BAGENSTOS.

His present homestead was the scene of the birth of John D. Bagenstos, which occurred in a log house on section 23, Madison township, this county, on the 5th of September, 1860. His parents were John L. and Elizabeth (Hellman) Bagenstos, both natives of Berks county, Pennsylvania, but of German extraction. The father was born on the 10th of March, 1814, and the mother on the 7th of November, 1823. They were married in 1842 and for ten years thereafter continued to reside in the Keystone state. In 1855 they migrated to Iowa,



locating upon the farm where their son John D. now resides, which at that time was neither cleared nor improved. Mr. Bagenstos felled the trees necessary for the construction of his cabin, which was the third erected in Madison township. Forty trees were needed for which he was charged fifty cents apiece, but not having the cash to spare he agreed to work for them at the rate of fifty cents per day. The drawing knife which he used in splitting and shaving the shingles for the roof is now one of the valued possessions of his son. Mr. Bagenstos, who was a blacksmith by trade, resided upon his homestead until 1901, when he retired from active farming and now makes his home with his children. He is now ninety-seven years of age but is well and in full possession of his faculties, being able to read without glasses. His wife passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Albert Igou, in Laporte City, Iowa, on the 7th of November, 1897, which was the seventy-fourth anniversary of her birth. They were the parents of the following children: Emma, the widow of Chester Fuller of the state of New York, who was killed in the Civil war, and now residing in Belle Plaine, Iowa; William H., a retired contractor living at Laporte City, and who married Miss Catharine Knodle, of Illinois; Jacob N., who died at the age of three years in Berks county, Pennsylvania; James W., a farmer of Jessup, Iowa, who married Miss Sarah Kachel of Tama county, Iowa; Catharine, who married B. B. Mogle, of Minneapolis, Minnesota; John D., our subject; and Mary, the wife of Albert Igou, of Laporte City, Iowa.

The entire life of John D. Bagenstos has been spent on his present homestead, his education being acquired in the district schools of Madison township, upon the completion of which he assisted his father in the cultivation of the farm until the latter's retirement in 1884, when the son bought the property. He has added to his tract from time to time until he now owns one hundred and seventy-five acres, eleven acres of which is natural forest. The property is known as Hickory Lawn Farm and is one of the best known stock farms in central Iowa. Three years ago Mr. Bagenstos disposed of all of his graded stock and now keeps nothing but registered thoroughbreds. He now owns thirty head of registered shorthorns and he has one hundred head of large type, big-boned Poland China hogs. For the past twenty years he has been breeding this line of hogs and he holds semi-annual sales which are attended by breeders from all over the country. He also has a fine flock of registered Shropshire sheep which he started three years ago. Mrs. Bagenstos is her husband's partner and devotes her attention to the raising of barred Plymouth Rock chickens.

On the 14th of February, 1882, Mr. Bagenstos was united in marriage to Miss Clara Kent, a daughter of Hiram and Viretta (Eirp) Kent, who at that time were residents of Adams county, Iowa. Mr. Kent, who was a farmer, was born in Putnam county, Indiana, on the 20th of April, 1845, migrating to Iowa with his people when a lad of ten years of age. Mrs. Kent, who was born in Mercer county, Missouri, on the 1st of January, 1845, came to Iowa with her parents when four years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Kent were married in Montezuma, this county, in 1863, continuing to reside here until 1882, when they removed to Adams county, where they lived for sixteen years and then went to Taylor county, where he continues to reside. Mrs. Kent passed away near Clearfield, Taylor county, on the 30th of November, 1910.



Mr. Bagenstos is a member of Brooklyn Lodge, No. 114, I. O. O. F., Encampment No. 36 and Canton No. 12, also of Brooklyn, while he and his wife belong to Rebekah Lodge, No. 202. Independent in politics he always gives his support to the man he considers to be best qualified for the office, irrespective of party affiliation. He has never actively participated in township affairs, but served for four years as school director and was also road supervisor for a time. Mr. Bagenstos is meeting with lucrative returns from his ventures and takes great pride in his homestead, which is endeared to him by the associations of a lifetime.

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#### ELMER E. RAYBURN.

Elmer E. Rayburn, the popular and efficient postmaster of Brooklyn, was born in Lynnville, Jasper county, Iowa, on the 1st of October, 1861, a son of Dr. Cyrus E. and N. Helen (Conway) Rayburn. The parents were both natives of Ohio and were reared in that state, but at an early day came to Iowa, where they were married. They arrived in Poweshiek county before the inauguration of the Civil war and immediately after the cessation of hostilities took up their abode in Brooklyn, where their remaining days were spent. The father, who devoted his entire life to the medical profession, enlisted at the time of the Civil war from Poweshiek county as assistant surgeon of Company H, Fortieth Regiment Colored Infantry, and served in that capacity throughout almost the entire period of the war. After his arrival in Brooklyn he built a drug store here and was engaged in its operation for a number of years. At different times he was associated with a partner in the drug business, and for several years was also railroad surgeon for the Rock Island system at this point. He manifested much ability in his chosen life work and occupied a prominent position in the commercial circles of this community, where a most substantial patronage was accorded him. He was a lifelong member of the Methodist Episcopal church and also belonged to the Masonic fraternity, and in the teachings and principles of these organizations lay the root of the kindly, humanitarian spirit which ever characterized him. He passed away in this city, in 1880, at the early age of forty-five years, and his wife's demise occurred in Grinnell in 1902, when she reached her sixty-fifth year. In their family were four children, of whom Elmer E., of this review, was the eldest. The others are: Alda E., the wife of J. C. Kibby, of Grinnell; May L., who married R. T. Arnold, cashier of the First National Bank of Newton; and Rose, now Mrs. B. A. Moore, of Tacoma, Washington.

Elmer E. Rayburn was a little lad of four years of age when brought to Brooklyn with his parents, and he has therefore passed almost his entire life in this community. At the usual age he was sent to the public schools in the acquirement of his education, and remained a pupil therein until the death of his father made it necessary for him to seek employment. Thereupon he accepted a position as clerk in a grocery store and thus took his initial step in the business world. He remained in that capacity for a number of years but in the meantime had made it a point to master thoroughly every detail of the business

so that, when his carefully saved earnings were sufficient to enable him to enter business on his own account, he was well equipped by comprehensive knowledge and experience to meet the responsibilities involved in the conduct of an independent venture. He embarked in the grocery business and for nine years was most successfully connected with that field of activity, his excellent business ability, careful management and progressive and honorable methods insuring him a substantial and ever increasing patronage. In 1902, however, he withdrew from private business interests to give his time and attention wholly to the duties of postmaster, to which position he had been appointed, and for nine years he has been the efficient and able incumbent of that office. He is a most popular official, for during the forty-six years in which he has resided in Brooklyn he has become well known to his fellow townsmen, who respect him for his genial qualities, his high moral character and his fine qualities of citizenship.

In 1897 Mr. Rayburn was united in marriage to Miss Nellie R. Blanchard, who was born in New England, August 7, 1860, a daughter of Elijah and Mary A. (Rice) Blanchard. Her parents brought their family to Iowa in 1864 and in Brooklyn the father passed away. The mother, however, still survives and makes her home here with her children. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Rayburn have been born five children, but the second son, Lawrence, passed away in infancy. The surviving members are: Alphonso, Ralph, Clarence and Helen.

Since age bestowed upon him the right of franchise and he proudly cast his first vote Mr. Rayburn has never swerved in his support of the republican party and has ever kept well informed on the vital questions and issues of the day, although he has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking. He finds inspiration for the faithful performance of each day's duties through his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, with which he has been affiliated since a lad of fifteen years, and he is now serving on the official board of the church. Ordering his life according to honorable and manly principles he is proving himself a valuable citizen both in private and public relations, and has the esteem of all with whom he comes in contact.

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#### EDWIN GRANVIL LINSTED.

Edwin Granvil Linsted, who is engaged in the cultivation of the old family homestead in Sugar Creek township, was born in Gardner, Maine, on the 11th of April, 1855. He is a son of the late Alfred P. and Mary (Comstock) Linsted, the father a native of Boston and the mother of Great Barrington, Massachusetts. The father, who was a papermaker by trade, worked in the mills of Gardner, Maine, until 1857. The year previous he had purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land from the government in Sugar Creek township, Poweshiek county, upon which he and his family settled in 1857. He immediately began improving his homestead, continuing its cultivation until a few years prior to his death, when he retired. The mother passed away on the 15th of April, 1892, but the father survived her until the 12th of August, 1900. Mr. Linsted always voted with the democratic party and he served his township in the capac-

ity of trustee and justice of the peace. He was also a member of the Grange and Mrs. Linsted affiliated with the United Brethren church. To them were born six children in the following order of birth: John, who is deceased; Sylvester, a resident of Sugar Creek township; Edwin Granvil, our subject; Anna M., who married Romain Northcutt, of Jasper county, Iowa; Alfred H., a resident of Sugar Creek township; and Harriet, the wife of William Lowry, of Sugar Creek township.

As he was only a lad of two years of age when his parents settled in Sugar Creek township Edwin Granvil Linsted has spent practically his entire life in the vicinity where he is now residing. His education was obtained in the district schools in the vicinity of the homestead, which he attended until it was considered that he had sufficient knowledge of the common branches to enable him to pursue his vocation. During his school days and after completing his studies he assisted in the cultivation of the home farm, remaining a member of the parental household until he was thirty years of age. In 1885 he purchased a farm in Sugar Creek township and began in life for himself. Later he bought the old family homestead of one hundred and forty acres. He has made quite extensive improvements in this property during the period of his ownership, having erected several new buildings. He follows general farming and is meeting with success, realizing very satisfactory returns from the sale of his crops. He is also a director of the Taintor Savings Bank, located at Taintor, Iowa.

In national and state elections Mr. Linsted gives his support to the men and measures of the democratic party, but in local affairs he always casts an independent ballot, voting for the men he deems best qualified for the offices. He has capably served his constituency in the capacity of assessor and township clerk, while for one term he filled the office of constable and acted as road supervisor for eight or ten years. Fraternally he affiliates with the Masonic order, being a member of Lebanon Lodge, No. 227, Lynnville, Jasper county, Iowa. Mr. Linsted is one of the widely known and highly regarded men of the township, and counts among his close friends many of the comrades of his boyhood, which is a most favorable tribute to his character.

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### JOHN PATRICK FORD.

John Patrick Ford has always devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits since his earliest youth. He was born in Washington township, Poweshiek county, Iowa, on the 14th of June, 1866, and is a son of James and Catharine E. (Riley) Ford. The father emigrated from Ireland to the United States in early manhood and upon his arrival in this country first located at Joliet, Illinois, becoming a resident of that city in 1853. It was there he met and subsequently married Miss Riley, and soon thereafter they migrated to Iowa, settling on a farm in Washington township, Poweshiek county. The cultivation of this engaged the attention of Mr. Ford until his demise in 1874. His wife survived him for ten years, her death occurring in 1884. There were born ten children in their family, five sons and five daughters. The majority were very delicate and died

while still quite young, but three are still living, as follows: James F., Jr., Turnie E. and John Patrick.

As he was but eight years of age when his father died and a member of a large family, John Patrick Ford was early compelled to assume his share in the cultivation of the farm. In the acquirement of his education he attended the district schools of Washington township at such times as his services were not required at home. After mastering the common branches he laid aside his text-books and gave his undivided attention to the operation of the fields and care of the stock. Being somewhat stronger than the majority of the family he was very much needed at home, where he remained so long as his services were required.

On the 22d of October, 1889, Mr. Ford established a home of his own by his marriage to Miss Marie Marchal, the event occurring at Searsboro, Poweshiek County. Mrs. Ford is a native of France, from which country she emigrated with her parents in 1869. To Mr. and Mrs. Ford were born three children, but one son and the daughter died in infancy, so that the only surviving member of their family is William Henry, who is unmarried.

Mr. Ford is a stanch adherent of the principles of the democratic party, for whose candidates he always casts his ballot, and both he and his wife are communicants of the Roman Catholic church, to the teachings of which they have ever been most loyal, finding in them the comfort and solace of their spiritual needs.

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#### EBERHART LARSEN.

Many of the most sturdy traits of the Norwegian race have found exemplification in the life of Eberhart Larsen, a prosperous farmer and stock-raiser of Malcom township. He was born in the land of the midnight sun on the 10th of April, 1846, a son of Louis and Hennana Larsen, lifelong residents of Norway, where they engaged in farming. Their family consisted of four children, as follows: Ole, residing in his native country; Eberhart, of this review; Arne, of Minnesota; and Carrie who passed away at the age of fourteen years.

Fortunate in spending the period of his boyhood and youth amid the wholesome scenes and environment of rural life Eberhart Larsen early learned the tasks that fall to the lot of the country lad, and under the capable direction of his father mastered many of the lessons concerning the value of industry, perseverance and thrift. He remained under the parental roof until he was nineteen years of age, but the call of the new world finally became irresistible and he decided to seek a home and fortune in America. Accordingly he made the journey across the Atlantic in 1865, and upon arriving in the United States made his way at once to Chicago. From that city he went to the timber lands of Michigan, where he was employed for three years, and in 1868 came to Poweshiek county, locating in Malcom township. Here his cousin, Ole Paulson, upon coming from Chicago, had invested in all of the land comprising section 30, and of this property Mr. Larsen and his brother Arne pur-





MR. AND MRS. EBERHART LARSEN



chased a quarter section. Later he bought out his brother's interest and is now the owner of one hundred and sixty acres located on section 30, Malcom township. It was raw prairie land when it came into his possession, but through years of well directed efforts, unfaltering enterprise and wise management it has been brought under a high state of cultivation, its well tilled fields yielding annually abundant harvests in return for the care and labor bestowed upon them. He carries on general farming and stock-raising and in both directions is meeting with well merited success. At one time he was the owner of two hundred and forty acres, but has since sold eighty acres to his son Herman.

On the 7th of March, 1873, Mr. Larsen was united in marriage to Miss Louise Appleby, who was also a native of Norway, her birth occurring there on the 13th of July, 1853. She was called to her final rest on the 21st of April, 1884, and later Mr. Larsen married her sister, Mrs. Martha (Appleby) Armstrong, who was born in Norway on the 4th of February, 1856. Both of the sisters came to the United States in 1868 with their parents, Christ and Anna (Knutson) Appleby. The parents are now deceased, the father passing away on his farm in Mahaska county, Iowa, while the mother spent her last days in the home of Mr. Larsen. In their family were four sons and four daughters.

Unto the first union of Mr. Larsen were born six children, as follows: Hannah Lily, the wife of Charles Bell, of Osceola county; Carrie, a nurse of Chicago; Clara, who married John Aleren, of Poweshiek county; Herman, of Malcom township; Emma, at home; and Anna, who passed away in infancy. Unto the second union were born five children, namely: Anna, who wedded Leonard Halstead, of Grinnell township; Mamie, Agnes and Rebecca, all at home; and Karl, who died in infancy.

The religious belief of Mr. Larsen is <sup>and</sup> ~~that~~ of the Lutheran church, the teachings of which have been the guiding influence of his life. He gives his support to the republican party, and although he has never sought to figure in the public eye he has nevertheless ever been loyal and public-spirited in his citizenship, being numbered among the county's respected and valued adopted sons. Though born across the water he is thoroughly American in thought and feeling and is patriotic and sincere in his love for the stars and stripes.

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### SAMUEL PRESTON TISH.

Iowa is constantly attracting a class of progressive citizens who recognize the opportunities here offered and utilize them for the advancement of their individual prosperity. Almost three decades have passed since Samuel Preston Tish came to Poweshiek county, and during the intervening period he has gained a prominent place among the progressive, enterprising and prosperous farmers of this locality.

One of Ohio's native sons he was born in Knox county on the 26th of August, 1857, his parents being James and Harriett (Ray) Tish, whose births also

occurred in Ohio, the former's in Knox county and the latter's in Coshocton county. The father carried on agricultural pursuits on a farm near Fredericktown for a number of years prior to his demise and served for several terms as constable. He was a democrat in politics and both he and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Both passed away in Knox county, Ohio. In their family were eight children, as follows: Jane, the wife of Henry Sells, of Mount Vernon, Ohio; Mary, deceased; Samuel Preston, of this review; Henry, a resident of Mount Vernon, Ohio; Velaningham, Edward and Isaac, all deceased; and John, of Mount Vernon.

Samuel Preston Tish is indebted to the district schools of his native county for the educational privileges which he enjoyed during the period of his boyhood and youth, and the home farm was the training ground upon which he received his preparation for life's practical duties. He assisted his father in the cultivation of the fields for a time, and then was employed by others until he was twenty-six years of age. In 1882 he came to Iowa, first locating on a farm near Searsboro in Washington township, Poweshiek county, which he rented for five years, after which he spent a similar period in New Sharon, Mahaska county, Iowa. Returning to Poweshiek county, he took up his abode in Sugar Creek township, purchasing a farm of eighty acres which has since remained the scene of his activities. He has greatly enhanced the value of the property since it came into his possession, for he has brought his fields under a high state of cultivation and has introduced upon the place all of the modern inventions in farm machinery with which to successfully carry on his occupation. He is engaged in general farming and his well directed efforts and close application are meeting with substantial success, his annual harvest enabling him to place himself in comfortable circumstances.

Mr. Tish was married, in 1884, to Miss Annie Watson, a daughter of Simon and Susan Watson, both natives of Owen county, Indiana, where the father's birth occurred on the 11th of March, 1835, and the mother's on the 6th of June, 1845. The father, a farmer by occupation, came to Poweshiek county, Iowa, in 1856, locating on a farm in Sugar Creek township, while later he purchased the place upon which Mr. Tish now resides, and upon which his death occurred on the 4th of April, 1908. The mother still survives, however, and resides with her children. Like her husband, she holds membership in the Society of Friends. In his political belief Mr. Watson was a democrat. In their family were seven children, as follows: Mrs. Tish, who was born in Sugar Creek township on the 9th of August, 1863; Belle, the wife of Jesse Rivers, residing in Washington township, Poweshiek county; George, a resident of Marshalltown, Iowa; Walter, deceased; Fred, of this township; Winslow, who has also passed away; and Elmer, of Union township. Mr. and Mrs. Tish have been blessed with three children, as follows: Edward E., born December 11, 1892, at Washington township; Martha, deceased; and Marie, born November 29, 1896, at New Sharon, Mahaska county, Iowa. They also have one adopted son, Fred, who was born on the 28th of March, 1890, at Searsboro, Iowa.

Mr. Tish's religious belief is that of the Christian church, while in politics he casts an independent ballot, unhampered by party ties or machine rule. He votes for the best men and most desirable measures, and his influence is ever cast upon



the side of those issues which have for their object the development and improvement of the community. Upright character and sterling worth have gained him a favorable place in the regard of many friends, and Sugar Creek township numbers him among her valued and representative citizens.

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### JOHN C. SANDERS.

John C. Sanders is living retired in a pleasant home in Deep River, surrounded with friends and with all the comforts that go to make life worth living. He was born in Jefferson county, Ohio, June 2, 1848, a son of George E. and Mariah (Scott) Sanders, the former a native of Pennsylvania, born July 7, 1809, and the latter born in Maryland, June 13, 1813. The parents were married in 1833, after which they removed to Ohio. The father came to Poweshiek county in 1854 and here entered a half section of land, located two miles north of Deep River. He then returned to his home in Ohio and after ten years, in 1864, returned with his family to Poweshiek county, here establishing a permanent home. He was a millwright by trade, following that pursuit in his early life, but engaged in farming during his later years. He was one of two children, his elder brother being Benjamin. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Sanders were born ten children, namely: Robert K., who died in 1867; Thomas S., who served in the Civil war with an Ohio regiment and is now residing in Steubenville, that state; Nancy A., the widow of George Frederick, a resident of Albia, Iowa; Mrs. Mary J. Grier, deceased; Levi D., who departed this life in Ohio; James E., who served for four years in the Civil war as a member of Company G., Fifty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and now makes his home near Guernsey, Iowa; George E., who died in Iowa in 1869; John C., of this review; Mrs. Martha E. Saunders, who died in Iowa; and Benjamin W., a resident of Des Moines. The father was a staunch republican in his political views and died in the faith of the United Presbyterian church March 10, 1902, when he had reached the venerable age of ninety-three years. His wife preceded him to the home beyond, her death occurring March 14, 1896, when she was eighty-three years of age.

John C. Sanders was reared in the state of his nativity to the age of sixteen years, when in 1864, he accompanied his parents on their removal to Poweshiek county. He assisted his father in the development and operation of a new farm and continued farming until 1881, when he removed to Deep River and opened a drug store, which he conducted for eighteen years. His store was then destroyed by fire and since that time he has lived retired. Mrs. Sanders conducted a millinery establishment in Deep River from 1881 until 1905, this being the only concern of the kind here, and she built up an extensive trade.

On the 5th of October, 1872, Mr. Sanders was married to Miss Harriet H. Van Fossen, who was born in Morgan county, Ohio, September 19, 1846, and there resided until the time of her marriage. She is a daughter of Amos and Margaret A. (Burnside) Van Fossen, who were natives of Maryland but died in Ohio. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Sanders have been born four children: Margaret

M., the wife of W. C. White, a resident of Des Moines; Mary E., the wife of E. C. Cochran, of Fort Collins, Colorado; Marquis L., who wedded Miss Florence Holmes and makes his home in Benson, Minnesota; and Aquilla B., who wedded Maude Cranston, and resides in Fort Collins, Colorado.

Mr. Sanders has always followed in the political footsteps of his father, giving staunch support to the republican party. He has served as justice of the peace for the past ten years, his continuance in office being proof of his capability and trustworthiness. He is also a notary public. His fraternal relations connect him with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Modern Brotherhood of America. He possesses all the elements of what in this country we term a "square" man—one in whom to have confidence, a dependable man in any relation and any emergency. His easy dignity, his frankness and cordiality of address, indicate a man who is ready to meet any obligation of life with the confidence and courage that come of conscious personal ability, a right conception of things and an habitual regard for what is best in the exercise of human activities.

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#### GEORGE WRIDER.

George Wrider, a well known farmer and stock-raiser of Deep River township, is entitled to special mention in this volume as an honored veteran of the Civil war, being numbered among those who early responded to his country's call in her hour of need. He was born at Canal Dover, Tuscarawas county, Ohio, on the 12th of July, 1844.

George Wrider was reared by his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Catharine Wilson, remaining in the county of his nativity until he was eleven years of age. He then removed with her to Ashland county, Ohio, locating on a farm a mile west of Ashland, and that remained his place of residence until the outbreak of the Civil war. Responding to his country's call for troops, although but sixteen years of age, Mr. Wrider enlisted for service on the 27th of October, 1861, as a soldier of Company K, Eighty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, serving throughout the entire remainder of the war. He did valiant service in the ranks until July 20, 1863, when he was promoted to the rank of sergeant, and thus continued until the close of hostilities. He took part in all of the engagements of his regiment with the exception of Wauhatchie Creek, at which time he was a prisoner. The list of battles in which he participated included that at McDowell, Virginia; Cross Keys, in the Shenandoah valley; Culpeper Court House; the second engagement at Bull Run; Gettysburg, Pennsylvania; Chattanooga; and Missionary Ridge. He went with Sherman on the celebrated march to the sea, taking part in all of the engagements of that campaign. He was wounded at Chancellorsville, Virginia, on the 3d of May, 1863, receiving a gunshot in the right leg, and was taken prisoner at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, on the third day of the battle, but at the end of thirty-three days was released on parole at Richmond, Virginia. He was mustered out at Louisville, Kentucky, and was honorably discharged on the 27th of July, 1865, at Columbus, Ohio, after participating in the grand review held at Washington, D. C. His military record was

long and honorable, characterized by a loyalty to the cause for which the Union fought—a record of which he might well be proud and for which the country owes him a debt which can never be repaid.

When his services as a soldier were no longer needed, Mr. Wrider returned to Ashland and later made his way to Zanesville, whence he drove a team to Brooklyn, Iowa, arriving in that city on the 11th of October, 1865. He has since resided within the borders of Poweshiek county, and for about thirty years has made his home on his present farm, consisting of eighty acres on section 8, one mile south of the town of Deep River. He gives his attention to general farming and stock-raising interests, and in both branches is proving successful, for he is practical, systematic and industrious, and follows progressive methods in the conduct of his affairs.

In Brooklyn, Iowa, on the 6th of September, 1866, Mr. Wrider was united in marriage to Miss Hattie Holland, who was born in Louisville, Kentucky, on the 10th of March, 1849, and as an orphan came to Poweshiek county in the fall of 1865. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Wrider have been born the following children, namely: Edward, of Wichita, Kansas; William, residing at Ashear, Iowa; May, the wife of Rev. L. Howe, of Cherokee, Iowa; Blanche, who married John Kirke, of Lincoln township, Poweshiek county; and Earl, of Rensburg, California. A son, Charles, the eldest of the family, passed away at the age of eighteen months.

Mr. Wrider gives his political support to the republican party, although the honors and emoluments of office possess no attraction for him, and his religious faith is that of the Christian church. He is identified with the Masonic body as a member of Golden Rod Lodge, No. 512, A. F. & A. M., and maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades through his membership in Wisener Post, No. 412, G. A. R., at Montezuma, Iowa. He is a man whose career has been inspired by laudable ambition and whose enterprise and aggressiveness have stood him well in the battle of life, won him the prosperity which he enjoys today, and placed him in the foremost rank as a representative citizen of the community.

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### WILLIAM HALL.

Madison township has a goodly number of enterprising and progressive farmers to whose well directed efforts and business sagacity must be attributed much of the credit for the agricultural development of Poweshiek county. To this class rightfully belongs William Hall, who was born in the province of Ontario, Canada, on the 25th of August, 1858, a son of Robert and Sarah (Christopher) Hall, the father a native of Dumfriesshire, Scotland, and the mother of Ontario, Canada. Mr. Hall, who was a farmer, emigrated from his native country to Canada in 1842 and there he passed away in 1864. The mother also died in Canada.

William Hall, who was but a lad of six years of age when his father died, continued to reside in Canada, in the common schools of which country he

acquired his education, until he had attained his majority. He came to the United States in 1879, locating near Long Grove, Scott county, Iowa, where he worked on a farm for six years. In 1885 he migrated to Poweshiek county, purchasing a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Madison township, upon which he still resides. Success having attended his efforts he was later able to add to his holdings another quarter section which lies just south of his homestead. He now owns three hundred and twenty acres of good land, which is tilled and in a high state of cultivation. He engages in general farming and each year raises one hundred acres of corn, all of which he feeds to the cattle and hogs which he ships to the Chicago market. The improvements on his place are all in good condition, and he keeps a high grade of stock, the general appearance of his farm being indicative of prosperity.

On the 11th of March, 1885, Mr. Hall was united in marriage to Miss Janet R. Lang, their union being solemnized in Scott county. Mrs. Hall is a daughter of John and Margaret (Young) Lang, well known residents of Scott county, where for many years the father was engaged in agricultural pursuits. Mr. Lang was a native of Bothwell, Scotland, and his wife of Linlith. They were married in their native country in 1846, in which year they emigrated to the United States. Upon their arrival in this country they went to Pennsylvania where they lived for four years and then came to Iowa, settling on a farm in Scott county. They resided upon this place for thirty-five years, at the expiration of which time they retired to Davenport, where they were living at the time of their decease. They both passed away at the age of eighty-five years, the father's demise occurring on the 1st of July, 1909, and that of the mother on the 22d of October, the same year. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hall have been born the following children: Alice, who married Jesse A. Miller, a farmer residing a mile and a half north of Mr. Hall in Madison township, and who is the mother of one child, Esther, now in her second year; Harry, Margaret, Hazel and Glenn, all of whom are at home.

The family hold membership in the Christian church of Madison township and his political allegiance Mr. Hall gives to the republican party. He has never been an office seeker, however, always having preferred to concentrate his attention on the development of his personal affairs, in which he is meeting with an enviable degree of success.

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### JOHN HANSON THOMAS MAIN.

John Hanson Thomas Main, president of Grinnell College and for twenty years past identified prominently with the educational interests of the state, is a native of Ohio. He was born at Toledo, April 2, 1859, a son of Hezekiah Best and Margaret (Costello) Main. After securing the rudiments of an education in the public schools he matriculated in the literary department of Moores Hill College, Indiana, and was graduated in 1880 with the degree of A. B., receiving the degree of A. M. from his alma mater in 1883. Later he pursued a post-graduate course at Johns Hopkins University of Baltimore, Maryland,





J. H. T. MAIN



receiving the degree of Ph. D. in 1892. The honorary degree of LL. D. was conferred upon him by Oberlin College in 1911 in recognition of his distinguished services as an educator..

Having decided early to devote his life to teaching, Mr. Main accepted the position of professor of ancient languages at Moores Hill College in 1880 and continued with that institution for nine years, during which time he assisted materially in adding to its reputation. From 1890 to 1891 he served as assistant in Greek and Latin at the Woman's College of Baltimore, Maryland, and during the year following was senior fellow in Greek at Johns Hopkins University. His reputation as a classical scholar attracted the attention of the authorities of Iowa College and in 1892 he was invited to fill the chair of Carter, professor of Greek language and literature at this college. Fortunately for the college as events have proved he accepted the offer and has ever since been at the head of the Greek department at Iowa College. He also served as acting president from 1900 to 1902 and as dean of the faculty from 1902 to 1906. Since January, 1906, he has filled the office of president of the college, discharging his duties with a judgment and ability which have redounded greatly to the credit of the college and largely increased its usefulness.

On June 18, 1881, Mr. Main was united in marriage to Miss Emma Myers of Jeffersonville, Indiana. Religiously he is identified with the Congregational church and since 1907 has been president of the Congregational Brotherhood of America, one of the important growing organizations of the church. As a linguist he is widely known and holds membership in the American Philological Association, being also a valued member of the Archaeological Society of America. Socially he is connected with the Grant Club of Des Moines and the University Club of Chicago, Illinois. As a writer he has contributed articles of special interest on educational subjects to various magazines of America and Europe, and articles from his pen are to be found in transactions of educational associations. He is a fluent and instructive speaker and is much in demand upon the platform, where his services are greatly appreciated. In executive ability he occupies the front rank among educators of the west. Few men are better acquainted with the educational needs of Iowa and few of his age have contributed in a more important degree toward the upbuilding of the best interests of the state. His courage and enthusiasm have awakened many young men and women to a realization of their personal responsibility and started them on the road to achievement.

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#### CHARLES T. CRAVER.

A successful agriculturist and stockman of Sugar Creek township is Charles T. Craver, who owns three hundred and fifty-nine acres of land, all under cultivation in Poweshiek county. His birth occurred in the township where he is now residing on the 18th of August, 1862, his parents being Joseph A. and Susan (Givens) Craver. The father was a native of Pennsylvania and the

mother of Indiana, their marriage being solemnized in the latter state. Mr. Craver, who was a carpenter, followed his trade in Indiana and in Montezuma, Iowa, where the family first located upon their arrival here. He subsequently purchased a farm in Sugar Creek township, however, which he cultivated until he retired to New Sharon, Iowa. There he passed away on the 12th of October, 1893, at the age of seventy-one years; the mother, however, survived until the 22d of January, 1896, her demise occurring at the age of sixty-five years. Mr. Craver was a democrat and served as supervisor and school director, and both he and his wife were members of the Society of Friends. Seven children were born of their union: Clara, who is deceased; Jane, the wife of William Fisher, a resident of Searsboro; Joseph A., who is living in Wichita, Kansas; Frances, the wife of M. A. Miller, of New Sharon, Mahaska county, Iowa; Linneus F. and Leonidas H., twins, the former a resident of Taintor, Iowa, and the latter of Sugar Creek township; and Charles T., our subject.

It was in the schools of New Sharon that Charles T. Craver began his education, which was later completed in the schools of Sugar Creek township. By that time he had a very good knowledge of agricultural methods, having been accustomed to assisting his father in the work of the farm during vacations and at such times as he was not engaged with his studies. After leaving school he gave his undivided attention to the work of the farm under the direction of his father until he was twenty-nine years of age. He then began his independent career as an agriculturist by engaging in the cultivation of an eighty acre tract. After the demise of his father he inherited seventy-nine acres of the old homestead, since which he has purchased an additional two hundred acres. In connection with the cultivation of his extensive fields Mr. Craver raises stock, making a specialty of hogs.

Mr. Craver was united in marriage on the 23d of April, 1891, to Miss Lova Jane Knight, a daughter of Archibald and Adeline Knight, residents of Sugar Creek township at that time. Her father was born in Illinois on the 18th of July, 1840, while her mother was a native of Indiana, her natal day being the 11th of October, 1848. Mr. Knight settled on a farm in Sagar Creek township about 1881, but later moved to Missouri; where he passed away in April, 1903. Mr. Knight engaged in farming and he also preached a part of the time, being a minister of the Christian Union church. He served for four years and three months as a private in Company G, Second Iowa Volunteer Infantry, during the Civil war. On the 10th of September, 1865, Mr. Knight was married to Miss Adeline Williams, and they became the parents of four daughters: Ida, the wife of William Kirkham, of Trenton, Missouri; Lova Jane, now Mrs. Craver, who was born in Putnam county, Missouri, on the 3d of October, 1868; Maggie, who married Till Wilcox, of Princeton, Missouri; and Minnie, the wife of Homer Taylor, of St. Joseph, Missouri. The mother still survives and now makes her home in Princeton, Missouri. Mr. Knight was a republican and a member of the G. A. R., while both he and his wife affiliated with the Christian Union church.

Unto the union of Mr. and Mrs. Craver there have been born two children: Arno L., who was born on the 26th of November, 1895; and Earl M., whose birth occurred on the 1st of September, 1899.



Ever since attaining his majority Mr. Craver has given his political support to the candidates of the democratic party, but he has never been an office seeker. Although he takes an active interest in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the community his own interests have always absorbed his attention to the exclusion of everything else.

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### ROSS B. WORK.

Commercial interests in Grinnell find a worthy representative in Ross B. Work, who is now conducting a well appointed shoe store in this city. He has been connected with the trade here for sixteen years, always in his present establishment, of which he has been manager since 1902.

He was born in Indiana county, Pennsylvania, December 27, 1871, a son of Alexander and Mary A. (Ross) Work, both of whom were natives of that county, where they were reared and married and still reside. The father is one of the well known and substantial farmers and stockmen of that section and has been extensively engaged in buying and selling fine horses and cattle, having on hand at all times some of the best stock to be found, not only in his county, but in that part of the state. He displays excellent business ability in the conduct of his interests and has won gratifying success. In politics he has been a lifelong republican and while his fellow townsmen have elected him to various local offices he has never been an aspirant for political preferment. In matters of citizenship, however, he is always loyal and at the time of the Civil war he manifested his allegiance to the Union by enlisting for three years' service in the Sixty-first Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He was wounded twice, once at the battle of Antietam and again at Bull Run. He never faltered in the performance of his duty and returned to his home at the close of the war with a most creditable military record. Both he and his wife are active and faithful members of the United Presbyterian church.

Ross B. Work was reared upon the home farm and the common schools of his native county afforded him his educational privileges. When twenty years of age he left the parental roof and sought a fortune in the west, going to the iron region in the upper peninsula of Michigan. There he was first employed as a clerk in a general store at Crystal Falls and later became its manager, remaining at that place for four years. He then continued his westward journey to Iowa, arriving in Grinnell in the fall of 1895. At that time he secured a position in the shoe store of which he is now proprietor, but which was then owned by his uncle, R. C. Ross, in whose employ he remained for seven years, when, in 1902, he purchased an interest in the business which he has since carefully, systematically and successfully conducted. The store is thoroughly modern in its appointment and equipment and the trade has been largely increased under his capable management.

In 1900 Mr. Work was united in marriage to Miss Rachael Pollock, of Indiana county, Pennsylvania, who was one of his schoolmates in his youthful days. She is also a graduate of the State Normal College of Pennsylvania and after completing her course there was engaged in teaching. Subsequently she became a

teacher in the denominational school at Selma, Alabama, but put aside the duties of the schoolroom to take up the affairs of her own household, which she capably managed until death claimed her in July, 1906.

Mr. Work is a member of Grinnell Lodge, No. 175, K. P., and gives his political support to the republican party. He never desires office as a reward for party fealty. He holds membership in the Congregational church and for some years has served as chief usher and as superintendent of one of the departments of the Sunday school. He belongs to the Merchants' Association of Grinnell and co-operates in its various movements for the business development of this city. In fact he is the champion of material, intellectual and moral progress, recognizing that each has its place in the scheme of the world, and his labors have been an element of growth along all those lines during the period of his residence in Grinnell.

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### GEORGE BAUSTIAN.

The business and agricultural interests of Poweshiek county find a worthy representative in George Baustian, whose farm is one of the attractive features of the landscape in Sheridan township. He is a native of Henry county, Illinois, where he was born in 1862, a son of George and Elizabeth (Schmidt) Baustian. The father was born in Pashinn, Germany, October 11, 1830. He came to America and took up his residence in Bucks county, Pennsylvania. He was married in 1858 to Elizabeth Schmidt, and later they removed to Henry county, Illinois. He began his business career by working out by the day and after a few years rented land, coming with his family in 1866 to Jasper county, Iowa, where he farmed for five years near Kellogg. In 1871 he arrived in Poweshiek county and settled in Chester township. He died in Sheridan township, however, in 1907.

George Baustian assisted his father in farm work as a boy, attending the district schools in the winter. Later he began farming on his own account and, in 1893, he purchased three hundred and twenty acres of land on section 25, Sheridan township, which is now his home place. It is one of the highly improved farms of the township and the well cultivated fields and substantial buildings and fences indicate that he gives to his work his best thought. He raises and feeds stock upon an extensive scale. He is also the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of land near Fillmore, Canada, and six hundred and ninety-two acres in Faulk county, South Dakota. Aside from his agricultural and stock-raising interests he is a member of the board of directors of the Malcom Savings Bank, the Malcom Telephone Company, and also of the Malcom Agricultural Society.

In 1887 Mr. Baustian was united in marriage to Miss Philippina Eisele, a daughter of Andrew and Philippina (Wentzel) Eisele, who at the time of their daughter's marriage were living on a farm three miles northwest of Malcom. The father of Mrs. Baustian was born in Germany, emigrating to this country, and making his home in Poweshiek county from 1868 until the time of his death. The mother was born in Baden, Germany, February 10, 1833. She came



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to America in 1855 and made her home in Philadelphia. In her latter years she lived with the subject of this review and was called from earthly scenes March 24, 1906. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Baustian: Elmer, who was born May 24, 1889; Stella, born December 12, 1892; and Ben., born May 13, 1894.

Mr. Baustian is identified with the Odd Fellows lodge and encampment and the Rebekahs at Malcom, and his wife and daughter are also members of the Rebekahs. The son Elmer, who has reached his majority, holds membership in the Odd Fellows lodge and encampment and the Rebekahs at Malcom, and also in the lodge of the Woodmen of the World at Sheridan. The daughter, Stella, belongs to the Royal Neighbors at Sheridan. Mr. Baustian gives his support to the republican party and is now serving as school director of District No. 7, Sheridan township, having also filled the office of township trustee for seven years. He has been unusually successful in business and during his residence in Sheridan township has been closely identified with its development. His prosperity is due to his application, good judgment and perseverance and today he enjoys the fruits of his well directed endeavors.

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### LEONIDAS HAMILTON CRAVER.

One of the practical and progressive farmers of Sugar Creek township is Leonidas Hamilton Craver, who owns a fine homestead of two hundred and fifty acres which he is operating. He was born in Sugar Creek township, Poweshiek county, on the 30th of April, 1860, a son of Joseph A. and Susan (Givens) Craver, natives of Pennsylvania and Indiana respectively.

The father followed the carpenter's trade during the period of his residence in Indiana, in which state he was married, and while living in Montezuma, Iowa. Later he purchased a farm in Sugar Creek township from which time until his retirement to New Sharon he followed general farming and stock-raising. He passed away on the 12th of October, 1893, at the age of seventy-one years, and the mother died on the 22d of January, 1896, after having passed the sixty-fifth anniversary of her birth. Their family numbered seven children, the order of their birth being as follows: Clara, who is deceased; Jane, the wife of William Fisher, of Searsboro; Joseph A., a resident of Wichita, Kansas; Frances, who married M. A. Miller, of New Sharon, Mahaska county; Linneus F. and Leonidas H., twins, the former a resident of Taintor, Iowa, and the latter our subject; and Charles T., an agriculturist of Poweshiek county. His political support Mr. Craver always accorded the democratic candidates and he served his township in the capacity of school director and supervisor. In matters religious the views of Mr. and Mrs. Craver accorded with the belief of the Society of Friends, with which church they were affiliated.

The early years in the life of Leonidas Hamilton Craver were spent in Sugar Creek township on the old homestead, where he acquired his preliminary education. This was later supplemented by the public schools of New Sharon, which he attended for a time. After completing his studies he gave a large

portion of his time and attention to the work of the homestead until he attained his majority. He then rented a farm from his father which he operated for four years, during which time he managed to save the necessary capital to enable him to purchase his present homestead. During the long period of his residence here he has made quite extensive improvements in the property, having erected some fine buildings and effected some minor changes which have materially added to the general appearance of the place. His fields are well fenced and highly cultivated, the grounds and buildings carefully kept, and he carries a good grade of stock.

The marriage of Mr. Craver and Miss Lizzie Tener was solemnized on the 1st of September, 1889. Mrs. Craver is a daughter of David B. and Ellen (Riggs) Tener, natives of Ohio. They many years ago moved to Kansas where Mr. Tener, who was a farmer, followed his vocation until he passed away in 1903. The mother is still surviving and continues to make her home in Kansas. In politics he was a democrat and fraternally a member of the Masonic order, and he was also a veteran of the Civil war. Their religious views Mr. and Mrs. Tener demonstrated by uniting with the Methodist Episcopal church, of which she is still a member. Mrs. Craver was born in Monroe county, Ohio, on the 12th of May, 1862.

Mr. and Mrs. Craver are the parents of six children, as follows: Pearl Susan, who died on the 22d of March, 1892, aged two years and five months; Ray, who was born on the 12th of January, 1892, and died on the 27th of September, 1892; Frances Maryland, born on the 2d of September, 1895; Ivry, who was born on the 8th of October, 1898, and died on the 4th of October, 1899; Leonidas H., born on the 26th of July, 1899; and Fern Emmeline, who was born on the 18th of January, 1902.

In his political allegiance Mr. Craver is always true to the principles of democracy, but does not actively participate in township affairs. He is one of the widely known and highly esteemed citizens of Sugar Creek township, where many of his stanchest friends have known him since his boyhood.

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#### J. S. BURGETT.

There is perhaps no more familiar figure on the streets of Deep River than J. S. Burgett, and few families in Poweshiek county are more honored than that of which he is a representative. His entire life has been spent within the borders of Deep River township, where his birth occurred on a farm a mile and a half south of the town of Deep River, on the 19th of September, 1868.

His father, P. B. Burgett, was one of the early settlers of this county, taking up his abode here when Iowa was still a frontier district and much of her land unclaimed and uncultivated. He belonged to that type of hardy pioneers who subdued the forests and conquered the plains, and laid broad and strong the foundations on which the state and nation have grown to greatness. He left an impress on the history of the county—for it cannot be written without taking into account those sturdy pioneers who conquered its virgin soil and gave to the

state one of its richest districts. He was born in Carroll county, Ohio, on the 22d of May, 1823, a son of George and Mary Jane (Robb) Burgett, and a grandson of Phillip Burgett, a soldier of the war of 1812. His parents both passed away in Carroll county, Ohio, where the greater portion of their lives were spent, the father being a farmer by occupation. P. B. Burgett was the second in order of birth in a family of eight sons and three daughters, of whom Owen is the only surviving member and was present at the surrender of Vicksburg on the 4th of July, 1863. He now makes his home in Carroll county, Ohio, on the old homestead. Tipton served in the Civil war as a squirrel hunter, and died in the fall of 1862. The eldest son, William F., was one of Iowa's pioneers, locating in Des Moines in the early '50s, where he engaged in the merchandising business. The youngest son, John W., was drowned in Coon river, Iowa, about forty years ago, while fishing. The family originally came from Burgettstown, Pennsylvania, a town which was laid out by the great-greatuncle of our subject.

P. B. Burgett spent the early years of his life in the county of his nativity and when twenty-one years of age went with relatives on flatboats down the Ohio and Mississippi rivers to New Orleans. Subsequently he made six or eight similar trips to the Crescent city, the summer seasons being devoted to farm work in New Cumberland, Pennsylvania. He was married in the fall of 1856 and in the spring of the following year came to Poweshiek county, Iowa, locating in Deep River township. Here he bought one hundred and sixty acres of school land on section 16, and soon afterward purchased another quarter section and at once began the development and improvement of his land. He was a very successful farmer and at one time owned more than six hundred acres of valuable property, five hundred and forty acres of which were in his possession at the time of his death. He continued in the cultivation of his farms until 1895, when he retired from that line of activity and removed to Deep River where he erected the present beautiful family home. After his arrival in this town he became identified with financial interests here, being president of the State Bank of Deep River from 1894 until succeeded by his son, John S., in 1904. He was married, on the 21st of October, 1856, to Miss Castara Queen, who was born in Carroll county, Ohio, on the 9th of July, 1830, and remained in that state until her marriage, when she came west to Iowa. Her parents, Samuel G. and Mary (Hesser) Queen, were natives of Loudoun county, Virginia, and were there reared and married. In the fall of 1820 they removed to Ohio and there both passed away on the farm on which they first located, Mrs. Queen surviving her husband for forty-five years. He was a farmer and stock-raiser by occupation and served as a soldier in the war of 1812. His father, Jonah Queen, fought in the Revolutionary war. He was a native of the north of Ireland and passed away in Columbiana county, Ohio, at the very advanced age of ninety-three years.

Mrs. Castara Burgett was one of ten children, three sons and seven daughters, of whom she and a sister, Mrs. Cornelia Norris, of Berkeley, California, are the only surviving members. A brother, Samuel G. Queen, enlisted in the Civil war for a term of three years, at the expiration of which time he veteranized and served until the close of hostilities.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Burgett were born seven children, as follows: Bingham Hesser, born August 1857, who was a student at college at the time of



his death, being killed in the cyclone at Grinnell on the 18th of June, 1882; Alcinus LeRoy, born June 29, 1860, a banker at Albion, Iowa; Samantha Mary, born December 23, 1862, now at home; William Queen, a druggist of Newell, Iowa, who was born January 14, 1866; John S., of this review; Winnifred F. Cornelia, born May 28, 1872, who married LeRoy Tibballs, of Baker City, Oregon; and Lulu Wilma, who was born June 16, 1876, and passed away on the 14th of January, 1901. All of these children received excellent educational advantages, attending the high school at Deep River and most of them entering college, either at Grinnell or Cornell, Iowa.

P. B. Burgett, the father of this family, was originally a whig in his political beliefs, but after the organization of the republican party gave to it his unfaltering support throughout the remainder of his life. He passed away on the 17th of February, 1910, at the age of eighty-six years, and at that time a local paper had the following to say: "P. B. Burgett was one of God's noblemen, and while he was not active in those walks of life which some consider the only paths to greatness, he was an important and effective force in the real concerns of life which stand for the stability of the community, the county, the state and the nation."

The mother still survives, making her home in Deep River, and although she has reached a ripe old age she is remarkably bright and active. Her mind is richly stored with knowledge concerning the early history of the state and events which occurred while Poweshiek county was still in a formative period. She readily recalls the conditions of the pioneer days, when not a tree nor a fence stood between the villages of Montezuma and Millersburg, both of which towns she could see from her home on clear days, and her memory forms a connecting link between the days of the primitive past and the progressive present, covering a period in which she has witnessed the transformation of the vast uncultivated prairies of Iowa into one of the richest farming districts in the galaxy of states.

It was on the home presided over by these worthy parents that J. S. Burgett, our subject, was reared, and under their direction he early acquired habits of industry, perseverance and integrity. The early period of his life was spent on the home farm, where he remained until 1894, when, thinking to find more congenial work in the city, he came to Deep River and entered the employ of the State Bank of this city as assistant cashier. He continued in that position until January, 1903, when he became cashier, acting in that capacity until 1904, when he was elected to the office of president, to succeed his father. The thorough experience which he acquired since first becoming connected with this institution, combined with his natural business sagacity and sound judgment, makes him a most capable official, and his careful administration is proving a potent force in the conduct of the bank's interests. Other important enterprises have also felt the stimulus of his advice and counsel, for he is secretary and treasurer of the Deep River Brick & Tile Company and half owner of the Deep River Record. He also carries on a general insurance business in connection with Hon. George Grier, who is also his partner in his newspaper venture, and he is extensively interested in local real estate and also in Canadian lands.



Mr. Burgett has never married, but continues to make his home with his widowed mother in the handsome family residence in Deep River. He is a republican in politics but has never sought nor held public office. He prefers to give his undivided attention to his duties as executive head of the State Bank of Deep River which, under his careful direction, is enjoying a period of success and prosperity. It is one of the safe, substantial moneyed institutions of the county, having a capital stock of twenty-five thousand dollars, with deposits amounting to over three hundred thousand dollars. Its other officers are C. N. Cox, vice president; George E. Grier, cashier; with a board of directors composed of J. P. Winders, C. N. Cox, S. W. Scovel, George E. Grier and J. S. Burgett. The business affairs of Mr. Burgett are capably conducted. Tireless energy, keen perception, honesty of purpose, a genius for devising the right thing at the right time, joined to everyday common sense, are the chief characteristics of the man. As a result he has gained wealth, yet it was not alone the goal for which he has strived, for he belongs to that class of representative American citizens who promote the general prosperity while advancing individual interests.

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#### MELROSE CARPENTER.

For a period of fifty-three years the late Melrose Carpenter had been a resident of Poweshiek county, during which period he had won and held the esteem and regard of the majority of those with whom he came in contact. His birth occurred in Essex county, New York, on the 9th of March, 1829, and his parents were Elijah and Abigail (Lewis) Carpenter. The father, who was a farmer, was of English and the mother of German extraction. Both spent their latter days in the Empire state.

After the completion of his education, which was acquired in the common schools of his native state, Melrose Carpenter assisted his father in the work of the farm, continuing to be identified with agricultural pursuits until 1854. Deciding that better opportunities were afforded farther west he migrated to Iowa, at that time locating in Le Claire. In 1857 he came to Poweshiek county, buying two hundred and ninety acres of land on section 9, Madison township, in the cultivation of which he engaged until the 14th of October, 1892, when he retired from active duties and removed to Brooklyn. He continued to reside there until his demise on the 12th of December, 1910, at the age of eighty-one years, nine months and three days.

He was married at West Fort, New York, on the 30th of November, 1853, to Miss Achsah Wood, who passed away on the 27th of February, 1880. Of this union there were born three children: Wallace, Henry H. and Charles E. On the 26th of March, 1882, Mr. Wood was married to Mrs. L. Adella Nourse, a daughter of Avery and Julia (Mead) Robinson. The father, who was a broom-maker by trade, was of English extraction. He was born in Portage county, New York, migrating from there to Dixon, Lee county, Illinois, with his parents in his very early youth. At the opening of the Civil war he enlisted in Company D, Eighth Wisconsin Regiment, and at the expiration of his term of service

reenlisted. He was for a time a steward in a hospital in Tennessee. Death came to him during the Red River expedition at the battle of Yellow Bayou, and he was laid to rest in the National cemetery at Nashville, Tennessee, on the 3d of July, 1864. Mrs. Robinson passed away in Iowa in 1907 at the home of her daughter. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter were born two sons: Orville C., an electrician living in Great Falls, Montana, who married Miss Lucille Tuttle of Albia, Iowa; and Homer A., who is cultivating the old homestead.

In politics Mr. Carpenter was a republican, while his church affiliation was with the Baptist denomination of Le Claire. He was a fine type of Christian character, bearing with uncomplaining fortitude and kindly consideration for others the intense pain with which he was afflicted during his last illness. During the long period of his residence in Madison township he had become recognized as a man of upright character and incorruptible integrity, a kind neighbor and loyal friend.

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#### HOMER A. CARPENTER.

Homer A. Carpenter is one of the enterprising and progressive agriculturists of Madison township. After attaining his majority he rented the homestead of his father, which contained two hundred and eighty acres on section 9, continuing its operation until the death of his parent, since which time he has leased it from the other heirs. In addition to the cultivation of his land he engages in the breeding and raising of a high grade of stock and is an extensive feeder of cattle and hogs.

On the 8th of March, 1905, Mr. Carpenter was united in marriage to Miss Mabel Ormiston, a daughter of S. S. Ormiston, and they have one child, Vera, who is now three years of age.

Mr. Carpenter casts his ballot in support of the candidates of the republican party, and both he and his wife are affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal church of Madison township. Mr. Carpenter is meeting with unqualified success in his undertakings, and his thrift, energy and progressive ideas should enable him to make rapid advancement in the development of the enterprise which he has so well established.

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#### GEORGE S. MOUSER.

Among the well known and highly respected residents of Deep River township, Poweshiek county, whose well directed efforts along agricultural lines now makes it possible for them to live retired, is numbered George S. Mouser. Born near Tiffin, Seneca county, Ohio, on the 19th of August, 1833, he is a son of Nicholas and Rosanna (Shaul) Mouser. The parents were both born in Virginia, of German ancestry. They were married in Ohio and in 1863 came to Iowa, locating in Iowa county, where both passed away in 1873, the father on



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the 15th of September and the mother on the 3d of April, when about sixty-eight years of age. Their family of six children included the following: George S., of this review; Margaret E., the deceased wife of Frank Jones; Ann C., who has passed away; Rebecca M., residing with her brother George S.; John N., who has also passed away; and Mary F., who married Isaac Friez, of Iowa county.

George S. Mouser accompanied the family to Iowa in 1863, and in 1870 he arrived in Poweshiek county. On the old homestead in Ohio he had been reared amid the wholesome environment of rural life, and his training in the work of field and meadow was of a most thorough character, for as soon as old enough to handle the plow he began work in the fields and as his years and experience increased he assumed larger responsibilities and more arduous tasks. Upon attaining man's estate he took up agricultural pursuits as his life occupation and that his choice was a wise one is indicated by the prosperity which has since attended his efforts in that direction. He is now the owner of a finely developed farm of one hundred acres, located on section 17, Deep River township, which in its neat appearance speaks of a life of industry, energy, perseverance and thrift on the part of the owner. He is now living retired, however, leaving the actual work of the place to others, although he still retains the supervision of his affairs. The farm is now operated by Manuel Holderness, a young man whom Mr. Mouser has reared from boyhood.

Mr. Mouser continues to reside on his home place, where he has the company of his sister Miss Rebecca M. Mouser, the two having made their home together since the death of their parents, almost forty years ago. They attend the Methodist Episcopal church, of which they are faithful and exemplary members, and both are held in the highest esteem throughout the community in which they have resided for so many years, their many excellent traits of character winning for them the good-will and esteem of a large circle of acquaintances and neighbors.

(Since this sketch was written, Mr. Mouser died June 26, 1911.)

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### W. E. COX.

The name Cox is an old and prominent one in Poweshiek county, representatives of the family having lived here from 1854 to the present time, and its members have been prominently identified with the business interests of Deep River throughout a long period. W. E. Cox, whose name introduces this review, was born in Deep River township, February 18, 1861, a son of Christopher and Mary Ellen (Morgan) Cox, the former born in Harrison county, Ohio, June 13, 1832, and the latter in Ogle county, Illinois, in 1840. They accompanied their respective parents to Poweshiek county, Iowa, at an early day, the Morgans coming here in 1856, while the Cox family had located here two years previously in 1854. It was here that the father and mother formed an acquaintanceship, which later culminated in their marriage. W. E. Cox is the eldest in a family of four children, the others being: Samuel, who died in infancy;

Maggie, the wife of W. C. McKee, a resident of Montezuma; and Mary, who died in infancy. The wife and mother was called to her final rest in 1864. The father was married again and by his second marriage there are four sons and four daughters. He has followed farming throughout his business career and has also raised and dealt in live stock to some extent. He made his home in Poweshiek county until 1888, since which time he has resided in Gosper county, Nebraska. He is still, however, remembered by many of the older residents of this section of Iowa.

W. E. Cox was a little lad of only three years at the time of his mother's demise. He was reared on the home farm in Poweshiek county, assisting his father in the work of plowing, planting and harvesting through the spring and summer months, while in the winter seasons he pursued his studies in the district schools near his father's home. He remained on the farm until 1883, when he came to Deep River, where he has since made his home. During the first four years of his residence here, he was employed by his uncle, George Cox, in the grain and lumber business. He then purchased an interest in the business but after four years bought his uncle's share and conducted the business alone for a few years. He eventually retired from the grain and lumber trade and has since given his time to the seed business. He is also interested in land in Canada and from this derives a good annual income.

Mr. Cox was married on the 25th of September, 1887, the lady of his choice being Miss Mattie A. Light, who was born in Deep River township, June 7, 1863, a daughter of Joseph W. and Elizabeth (Hightower) Light, who were natives of Kentucky but were married in Virginia. They came to Iowa in the '50s but for a time had resided in Illinois prior to their removal to Poweshiek county, and their son George was the first white child born in Deep River township. Both parents passed away here. Mr. and Mrs. Cox have a daughter and son, Glenn L. and Mary E.

Mr. Cox gives his political support to the republican party and belongs to the Presbyterian church, of which he is acting as treasurer. He is a Mason, belonging to Golden Rod Lodge, No. 512, at Deep River. Perhaps the highest tribute that can be paid Mr. Cox is that he has met with success in all his undertakings and that he has so discharged his duties as a citizen and as a business man as to merit the confidence of those who know him best.

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#### ELAM J. HADLEY.

Elam J. Hadley, a prominent and leading resident of Grinnell, has contributed in large measure to the substantial upbuilding and development of the city as a promoter and builder, having laid out three subdivisions. He was born of Quaker parentage, in Richland, Iowa, his grandfather, Riley Hadley, having come to Iowa while it was still a territory. His birth occurred on the 5th of December, 1870, his parents being Irvie S. and Julia (Jessup) Hadley, the former a native of Keokuk county, Iowa, and the latter of North Carolina. Mrs. Hadley was three years of age when taken by her parents to Marshall

county, Iowa, in 1851. Irvee S. Hadley attended Iowa College during the years 1864, 1865 and 1866 and remained in Keokuk county, Iowa, until 1873, when he removed to Hardin county, where he purchased a farm, continuing to reside thereon for about twenty years. On the expiration of that period he removed to Nebraska and subsequently took up his abode in Whittier, California. In the spring of 1904 he returned to Iowa, undecided as to whether he would remain here or go back to California, as his health was greatly impaired. It was soon after his arrival here that he passed away, having survived his wife for about two years.

Elam J. Hadley was the eldest of five children. He was reared under the parental roof and in the acquirement of an education attended the common schools and the Friends Academy at LeGrand, Iowa, while subsequently he pursued a commercial course in Eastman's Business College at Poughkeepsie, New York. After putting aside his text-books he began farming in Redwillow county, Nebraska, where his parents were then living, following general agricultural pursuits in that state for two years or until he removed to Gilman, Iowa, in 1896. His wife owned a farm across the county line in Tama county and thereon they took up their abode. In the spring of 1901 Mr. Hadley took a trip to California, where his parents were living, for the purpose of looking up a location for a home. He spent the summer in different parts of the west but on his return to Iowa in the fall decided to remain here. He brought his family to Grinnell and this town has remained his place of residence continuously since. On his arrival here he purchased the Hobart tract of eighty acres, forty acres of which lay within the corporate limits of Grinnell, while the following winter he bought the Stewart tract of forty acres, adjoining the Hobart tract. In the spring of 1902 he laid out the first Hadley subdivision, comprising twenty-three acres, which sold rapidly and which he improved with good buildings. In the fall of 1902 he laid out the second subdivision, comprising forty acres, and in 1904 the third subdivision, embracing seventeen acres, was laid out. His undertakings in this connection have been very successful, for his additions are in the most desirable residence section, being in the highest part of the town as regards altitude. Mr. Hadley has also built up a great part of the section, erecting and selling the homes. He is likewise the owner of two farms in Jasper county and has another farm on the county line, lying partly in Poweshiek and partly in Jasper county.

In 1893 Mr. Hadley was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Boyd, a daughter of Douglas Boyd. Her mother died when she was small and she was reared by her grandfather, Jacob Korns, a well known and wealthy agriculturist of Tama county. Unto our subject and his wife have been born seven children, namely: Edmund E., Gladys E., Grace A., Donald B., Dwight E., Dorothy J. and Harold.

In politics Mr. Hadley is a stanch republican, while fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Pythias, belonging to Grinnell Lodge, No. 175. Both he and his wife are consistent and devoted members of the Congregational church. Though still a comparatively young man and a resident of Grinnell for but nine years, he has done much toward the upbuilding and extension of the city and has erected buildings which will be a credit to a greater Grinnell. He is



alert and enterprising, possessing the progressive spirit of the times and accomplishing what he undertakes, while his geniality and deference for the opinions of others have made his circle of friends almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintances.

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### THOMAS JAMES BRAY.

Not the boundaries of Grinnell or even the confines of the state mark the limits of Thomas James Bray's reputation as a pleader before the bar. In this connection he has become widely known as an able and distinguished lawyer, having gained an eminent position as a member of the legal profession.

He was born in North Danville, Vermont, August 31, 1877, and is the eldest of the nine children of Thomas E. and Nora (Farrell) Bray, who were natives of Vermont, their parents having removed from Canada to the Green Mountain state. In 1890 the father came with his family to Iowa, settling in Grinnell, where he was engaged in the live-stock business up to the time of his death, which occurred on the 30th of December, 1908. The mother is still living and makes her home with her son Thomas.

In the state of his nativity Thomas J. Bray spent the first thirteen years of his life and then left New England for the middle west in company with his parents. His early education, acquired in the public school of Vermont, was supplemented by study in the Grinnell high school, from which he was graduated with the class of 1895. He afterward pursued a course in shorthand and for three years was employed as a stenographer in a Grinnell lumber yard, after which he was made official shorthand reporter for the sixth judicial district, in which capacity he served for six years. During that time his interest in the law was aroused and he began reading in preparation for the bar, to which he was admitted on the 3d of June, 1904.

He then located for practice in Grinnell on the 1st of January, 1905, as a member of the law firm of Boyd & Bray, this partnership continuing until September 1, 1910, when the present firm of Bray & Shifflett was formed. He is faithful to his clients, fair to his adversaries and candid to the court. In many cases he has exhibited the possession of every faculty of which a lawyer may be proud—skill in presentation of his own evidence, extraordinary ability in cross-examination, persuasiveness before the jury, strong grasp of every feature of a case, ability to secure favorable rulings from the judge, unusual familiarity with human nature and untiring industry.

On the 18th of June, 1907, Mr. Bray was married to Miss Myma E. Ryan, of Des Moines, who died on the 14th of May of the following year. His political support is given to the republican party and he has been a prominent figure in Iowa politics for a number of years. He was one of the originators of the progressive movement in the party in this state and was one of the managers of Senator Cummins' campaigns. In 1901 he made the first public speech against the political railroad pass in Iowa and has lived to see the course which he advocated become a law. He was a member of the interstate commerce



convention held in Chicago in October, 1905, and was one of the originators of the pledge requiring all the delegates to sign an agreement to support Roosevelt's rate bill before accepting their credentials, which resulted in the Rump convention and was the means of creating a public sentiment which forced the bill through congress. Mr. Bray, however, has never sought nor held public office himself, yet has served as chairman of the republican county central committee, and is untiring in his efforts to secure the adoption of the political principles in which he so firmly believes.

He is also deeply interested in agriculture and development along that line and he owns a large tract of land east of Grinnell, where he carries on farming pursuits on a scientific basis. He belongs to Marshalltown Lodge, No. 312, B. P. O. E., of Marshalltown, Iowa, is a member of the Catholic church and of the Knights of Columbus. From a poor boy he has worked his way upward, largely providing for his own education and winning in life that success which is the result of earnest, persistent effort, intelligently directed. While various interests claim his attention and have been promoted through his activity, his attention is chiefly given to his profession and his practice is a very extensive one, extending from New York to California. He is a most eloquent, earnest and able pleader and his work is largely given to pleading his cases before the courts. He has a comprehensive knowledge of the law, eloquence expressed in well modulated tones, and the sympathetic quality of his voice combined with wide understanding of legal principles enables him to not only sway but to convince auditors and the court.

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#### GODFREY CRIDER.

Godfrey Crider, who is engaged in breeding and raising Chester White hogs and shorthorn cattle as well as feeding hogs for the market on his homestead in Lincoln township, Poweshiek county, was born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, on the 23d of February, 1847. He is of Swiss extraction, his parents Nicholas and Maria (Stober) Crider, having been natives of the land of the Alps, and there they were reared and married. Nicholas Crider, who was a weaver by trade, emigrated to the United States with his wife in 1845. They located in Ohio, where the father cleared forty acres of land, erected a log house and out-buildings, and there they resided for ten years. At the end of that period they removed to Iowa, locating upon one hundred and sixty acres of government land which Mr. Crider purchased in Poweshiek county in 1856. Upon this property he erected the same primitive structures of logs as were to be found on the majority of the homesteads of that period, placing his land under cultivation gradually as he cleared it. Here he continued to reside until his demise at the age of seventy-seven years. He was a democrat in politics, considering the principles of that party to more closely resemble the governmental policy of his native land. In Switzerland and Ohio he affiliated with the Lutheran denomination but after coming to Iowa he united with the Moravian church, in the faith of which he passed away.

Godfrey Crider was nine years of age when his parents settled in Poweshiek county, so that his education was acquired in the district schools of Ohio and Iowa. After laying aside his text-books he engaged with his father in the cultivation of the homestead, where he has ever since continued to live. He now owns seventy-two and one-half acres of this land, which is well improved and under a good state of cultivation. Although Mr. Crider engages in general farming the greater part of his attention is directed to his stock-raising, in which he has met with a very fair degree of success. For the past twelve years he has been engaged in the real-estate and insurance business and is a member of the executive committee of the Poweshiek County Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

In this county on the 6th of January, 1871, occurred the marriage of Mr. Crider and Miss Mary F. Conley, a daughter of Evan D. and Lucy Conley, natives of the state of New York, from which they removed to Ohio. Later they came to Iowa, settling in Poweshiek county, where the father was identified with general farming, but the latter years of his life were spent in Kansas, where he passed away. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Crider were born the following children: Alfred L., an engineer on the railroad with headquarters at Mason City, is married and has four children, Lester, Mabel, Verne and a baby not named. Charles O., who is married and has one child, Thearal, lives at Brooklyn, Iowa. William D., who is a farmer in Lincoln township, is also married and has two children, Gladys and George W. Eva M. married John Armstrong, of Brooklyn, Iowa, and has two children, Ross O. and Louis. Fred, who is living on a farm northwest of Brooklyn, is married and has two children, Anna and Edna May. Guy E., who is a blacksmith, lives on the homestead with his parents. Robert E. is a resident of Brooklyn. Elsie married William Kilmer, a farmer of Lincoln township. Louis is connected with a grocery store at Brooklyn. Clair, who is unmarried, lives at home.

The church relationship of the family is with the Moravian denomination, and the political views of Mr. Crider coincide with the principles of the democratic party, but he was elected assessor, which office he held for three terms, by the republicans. He was for many years a trustee and school director in Lincoln township and for nineteen years he was treasurer of the board of school directors. Mr. Crider has always been recognized as one of the enterprising and public-spirited citizens of Lincoln township, where he and his family are well regarded.

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#### THOMAS S. CRAVER.

Thomas S. Craver, who for eighteen years has been engaged in the cultivation of his home farm in Sugar Grove township, was born in the state of New Jersey on the 21st of April, 1848. He is a son of the late Samuel P. and Elizabeth (Nelson) Craver, both of whom were natives of New Jersey, where the father engaged in farming until about 1852. In that year, accompanied by his wife and children, he removed westward, settling on a farm in Franklin county,

Indiana, which he cultivated for three years. In 1855 he became a resident of Iowa, taking up his abode upon a farm which he purchased in Union township, Poweshiek county. The cultivation and improvement of that property engaged his attention until he passed away in 1894. He had long survived his wife, whose demise had occurred in August, 1872. Mr. Craver ever manifested a loyal and patriotic spirit and when the Civil war broke out he sent six sons to the defense of their country, five returning at the close of the war with honorable discharges, while one was left to rest in a grave in the sunny south. Both Mr. and Mrs. Craver were active members of the Methodist Episcopal church and theirs was a Christian home, their children being surrounded by such influences and teachings as developed high principles and honorable manhood and womanhood.

Their sons and daughters in order of birth were as follows: George W., now deceased; Henry, a resident of Marshalltown, Iowa; John W., who has also passed away; Cornelius C., who resides on his farm in Deep River township; Joseph A., living on a fine farm in Sugar Grove township; Mary, now deceased; Theophilus, who owns an extensive sheep and cattle ranch near Red Rock, Montana; Thomas S., Jervis, living in Sioux City, Iowa; Jacob N., a resident of Centerville, Iowa; Rachel J., the wife of Mitchell Thomas, a wealthy retired farmer of Grinnell, Iowa; Jesse and Frank, who are deceased; and Della, who lives in New Hampshire.

Reared on the homestead in Union township, Thomas S. Craver acquired his preliminary education in the schools of that locality and supplemented this by a three years' course in Iowa College at Grinnell. After teaching in rural schools for several terms he then pursued a commercial course in Eastman's Business College at Poughkeepsie, New York, from which he was graduated with the class of 1875. He then returned to Grinnell, where he engaged in clerking for three and a half years, and on the expiration of that period he entered the employ of Goss & Carney Brothers, lumber dealers, with whom he continued for thirteen years. In 1893 he decided to sever his connection with commercial interests and devote his time to agricultural pursuits, in consequence of which he removed to his present farm upon which the family took up their abode two years later. He has an excellent homestead of five hundred and eighty acres which is well improved, and his attention is now given to general farming in connection with stockraising and feeding.

Mr. Craver has been married twice, his first union being with Miss Edna Verbeck, whom he wedded in May, 1879. She was a daughter of Luther Verbeck, of Grinnell, Iowa, and died in Poweshiek county on the 5th of December, 1898. There were three sons and three daughters of that marriage. Luther T., a resident of Des Moines, and now editor and manager of the Underwriters Review; Merrill H., who is living on his farm near Forest Home; Lucy E., who became the wife of Lee Inman, of Grinnell; Mary E., the wife of Omer Goodner, of Mahaska county, Iowa; Grace, the wife of F. E. Rodgers, of Omaha, Nebraska; and S. Grant, who is living at home. For his second wife Mr. Craver chose Miss Cassie Irene Frye, who is a daughter of the late Dr. J. H. Frye, of Mahaska county, and was formerly a teacher in the public schools of Des Moines, Iowa.



His political support Mr. Craver accords to the candidates of the republican party. He is an honorable, upright citizen, whose character is above reproach. His ideas are practical and intelligent, his methods progressive and he is meeting with substantial success in his pursuits, being recognized as one of the prosperous farmers of the community. His wife is a member of the Methodist church, having been an active worker in church societies until the removal of the family to the farm in 1906.

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### JOHN D. WICHMANN.

John D. Wichmann, a prominent farmer of Malcom township and a veteran of the Civil war, was born in the grand duchy of Oldenburg, Germany, on the 12th of January, 1836. His parents, John and Margaret (Kohler) Wichmann, were lifelong residents of Germany, carrying on agricultural pursuits on a small rented farm there. In their family were four children, as follows: Henry, who passed away in the fatherland; Margaret, who married Henry Litte, of Adair county, Iowa; John D., of this review; and John Frederick, of Iowa county, Iowa.

John D. Wichmann continued a resident of his native country until 1861, in which year he came to the United States and at once made his way to Iowa, locating in Iowa county, where he remained for one year. He then came to Poweshiek county in the spring of 1862, and on the 12th of August of that year enlisted from this county as a soldier of Company H, Twenty-eighth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He remained a member of that regiment throughout the remainder of the war and in the meantime participated in all engagements in which it took part. On the 31st of July, 1865, he was mustered out at Savannah, Georgia, after having given brave and loyal service to his adopted country during her hour of need. After the close of the war he again went to Iowa county, Iowa, and there worked for one year at what was known as Dutch Colony. In the fall of 1866 he returned to Germany to see his parents, spending six months in the fatherland, and during that visit, in April, 1867, was united in marriage to Miss Anna Kate Haase, who was also born in the grand duchy of Oldenburg, on the 31st of August, 1841.

Returning to Iowa with his bride he began farming on his own account in Iowa county, there renting a farm for four years, after which he purchased a tract of eighty acres which he continued to operate for five years. At the expiration of that period he sold the farm to his brother, John Frederick Wichmann, who still resides thereon, and bought one hundred and sixty acres adjoining that tract. There he engaged in general agricultural pursuits until 1882, when he leased his farm for six years, after which he sold it. In the spring of 1883 he came to his present home, a well improved farm of one hundred and sixty acres located on sections 13, 14 and 11, Malcom township, Poweshiek county. He is a progressive farmer, has erected substantial barns and outbuildings on the place, and is conducting his affairs according to the most modern and practical methods. The success which has come to him as the result of his well directed efforts and earnest labors is creditable and gratifying and he is numbered among the prosperous agriculturists of Malcom township. He also owns a farm of one hundred and twenty





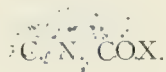
MR. AND MRS. JOHN D. WICHMANN



acres located on the state road in section 24, this township, which is the source of a good annual income.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Wichmann has been blessed with seven children, as follows: Matilda, now the wife of T. Cady, of Lyon county, Minnesota; Clause, a farmer residing near Malcom; Lizzie, who married Charles Bostin, of Malcom township; Molly Augusta, the wife of Gust Shiler, of Scott township, Poweshiek county; Diedrich, of Sheridan township; Louis, at home; and Henry, who makes his home in Malcom township.

The parents attend the German Lutheran church and are held in high esteem throughout the community in which they reside. Mr. Wichmann maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades through his membership in John Drake Post, G. A. R., of Brooklyn. He gave his political allegiance to the democracy until 1896, since which time he has been a stanch republican, giving hearty support to that party, although not desirous of public office for himself. The only offices which he has filled have been those connected with school and road affairs, for he has ever had the best interests of the community at heart, doing all in his power to further the material, intellectual and moral growth of his section. He has many excellent traits of character which commend him to the regard of his fellowmen, exemplifying in his life many of the stalwart qualities which are recognized as the birthright of the German race, and all who know him hold him in high esteem.



Few men possess the activity, the alertness and the enterprise of C. N. Cox, whose name is a synonym for all that is standard and all that is progressive in mercantile life in Deep River. Success has come to him as the gradual development and unfolding of his powers, the wise use of opportunities and the execution of carefully formed plans, until today he stands at the head of the well known firm of C. N. Cox & Company, conducting the largest enterprise of its kind in Deep River and one of the largest in Poweshiek county. He is a native son of Deep River township, born on a farm a half mile east of the town of Deep River, his natal day being December 26, 1868. He is a son of George and Catharine (Funk) Cox, of whom extended mention is made elsewhere in this work.

C. N. Cox is the eldest in a family of four children, and his boyhood and youth were spent on the home farm in Deep River township. His early education was acquired in the public schools of Poweshiek county, his studies there being supplemented by a three years' course in Cornell College at Mount Vernon, Iowa. At the age of nineteen he entered the store of his father in Deep River, first working as a clerk. He was thus employed for six or seven years, during which period he gained a thorough knowledge of the business. At the end of that time he was given an interest in the business, the other members of the firm being his father, George Cox, and E. C. Cochran, business being conducted under the name of Cox & Cochran. In 1898 the father and son

purchased Mr. Cochran's interest and the name of the firm was changed to C. N. Cox & Company, but the son has complete management of the concern, the father having only a financial interest. In 1900 the business had grown to such proportions that it was found necessary to enlarge its quarters and the father at that time erected a modern two-story brick building with basement, the main room being fifty by eighty feet, with warehouse twenty-four by forty feet in dimensions. The basement, first floor and a portion of the second story are used for the stock of goods, while the remaining portion on the second floor is devoted to office purposes. The firm carries a complete line of general merchandise and seven clerks are employed in the conduct of the enterprise. Mr. Cox is ever watchful of the needs of his patrons and his modern methods, push and square dealing have been the elements in building up a trade that now makes this firm the largest of its kind in Deep River and one of the largest mercantile concerns in Poweshiek county. Mr. Cox is a principal stockholder in the State Bank at Deep River and for the past five years has served as vice president of that institution. He also owns stock in the Deep River Brick & Tile Company.

Mr. Cox was married in 1893 to Miss Margaret Crowder, of Oskaloosa, a daughter of Dr. Crowder of that city. They have a daughter and son, Kathryn and Howard. Mr. Cox is a prominent Mason, belonging to Golden Rod Lodge, No. 512, at Deep River; to the chapter at What Cheer; and to the consistory and to El Kahir Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Cedar Rapids. He is quick, positive, exacting and comprehensive of every detail of affairs that comes within the scope of his action. He is a modest, unassuming man, whose time has been devoted to the welfare of his family and his business. He is, however, an interesting man personally and one who has learned well life's lessons and put them to practical account. His store is the expression of himself, his ideals, his character and his quiet, persistent industry and ability.

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### M. J. CAIN.

Probably few men are better known throughout Poweshiek county in connection with the union labor cause than is M. J. Cain, now living retired in Brooklyn. He was born near Morristown, Belmont county, Ohio, on the 15th of January, 1835, a son of Daniel Cain, who was a soldier of the war of 1812, and a grandson of Richard Cain, who served for four years in the Revolutionary war. Our subject's mother, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth McClain was a daughter of William McClain, also a Revolutionary hero, having for eight long years aided the colonies in their struggle for independence.

M. J. Cain remained on the home farm in his native county until twelve years of age, when he became an apprentice to the tailor's trade. After thoroughly mastering that occupation he followed it until he had saved sufficient money to enable him to complete a dental course, after which he was engaged in the practice of dentistry for eight years. That profession, however, proved detrimental to his health and in 1855 he abandoned it and started for Iowa.



reaching Burlington on the 13th of February. From that place he went to Jefferson county and there followed the tailor's trade until 1860, when he made his way to Missouri. He soon returned to Iowa, however, locating at Leon, Decatur county. He was residing at the latter place at the time of the Civil war, and in 1862 he organized a company of Union soldiers which became known as Company K, Thirty-ninth Iowa Infantry. In August of that year he was mustered into service as first lieutenant of his company and continued in that capacity throughout the remainder of the war. He took part in all of the engagements of his regiment, went with Sherman to the sea and during that great march was engaged in fighting for four days without any sleep or rest whatever, a strain which permanently affected his health.

After the cessation of hostilities Mr. Cain came to Brooklyn and was here successfully engaged in the grocery business until 1873, in which year he sold out and purchased a farm about two miles east of town, upon which he resided until October, 1894, when he again took up his abode in Brooklyn and has since lived retired. However, he did not sell his farm, which consisted of two hundred acres of valuable land, until 1906. Prior to his withdrawal from active life his career had been one of continuous activity in the various channels into which he had directed his efforts and was characterized at all times by a close application, keen business ability and sound judgment which proved potent forces in the accumulation of a competency which ranks him among the substantial and prosperous citizens of Brooklyn.

It is probably through his activity along political lines, however, that Mr. Cain has become best known to the residents of Poweshiek county. At an early day he became interested in the labor question and has ever remained a stalwart anti-monopolist. For a long period he was president of the Farmers Alliance and early became a member of the Knights of Labor, while for some time he served as master workman of his assembly. He was a delegate from his county to the union labor convention held in Cincinnati, and at that time was chosen to organize the district in Iowa, in which task he was most successful. He made a thorough study of and became well posted on the needs of farmers and laborers and became intensely interested in the cause of union labor. Possessing much ability as an orator, he carried on an extensive campaign throughout this and adjoining states and in 1887 was the candidate of the union labor party for governor of Iowa. Something of his popularity among the laboring classes is indicated by the fact that at that time he was supported by fourteen thousand, five hundred votes, the largest vote received by any union labor or greenback candidate for governor or for any other office in Iowa since the time of General Weaver. In more recent years, however, Mr. Cain has withdrawn from active politics, and since 1890 has been identified with the republican party.

Mr. Cain was united in marriage in Libertyville, Jefferson county, Iowa, on the 30th of July, 1857, to Miss Nancy Elizabeth Morey, who was born in Athens, Athens county, Ohio, on the 16th of February, 1840. She is a daughter of the Rev. Cyrus and Elizabeth (Martin) Morey, natives of New York and Ohio respectively. Her father began his ministerial work in connection with the Methodist Episcopal church in West Virginia in 1851. In 1855 he became a

member of the Iowa conference, his first appointment being Troy, this state. For one year during the war he preached at the Brooklyn church and continued his connection with the Iowa conference until the time of his death, which occurred on the 27th of March, 1890. He was a man of most excellent traits and was loved and respected by all who came under his influence. Joseph K. Morey, a brother of Mrs. Cain, entered the Union army during the Civil war as a member of the Sixth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He was wounded at the battle of Shiloh and was afterward transferred to the Eighteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, being mustered out as lieutenant colonel of his regiment. He was a lawyer by profession but died only one year after his return from the war.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Cain were born eleven children, as follows: Flora May, the wife of L. W. Perham, of Wichita Falls, Texas; Charles Clifford, who died at the age of nineteen months and was buried at Corinth, Mississippi, while his mother was visiting her husband in the army; Carrie, the deceased wife of Homer D. Lee; Edward Lowell, general transportation clerk of mails for the United States, stationed at Omaha, Nebraska; U. S., a farmer of Bear Creek township, who formerly engaged in teaching; Arthur Cyrus, conducting a restaurant at Kansas City, Missouri; Ira M., a traveling man with headquarters at Kansas City; Eva Frances, the wife of Grant H. Miller, who resides on a ranch near Iola, Kansas; Charles C., engaged in the drug business in Deep River, Iowa; Edyth Myrtle, who married Dr. John Ringena, of Deep River; and Dr. Raymond W., practicing medicine in Denver, Colorado.

The family occupy a most attractive home in Brooklyn and are well known in the social circles of the town. They hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Cain belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic, having assisted in the organization of John T. Drake Post, No. 321, of Brooklyn. He is a man of fine physical appearance and of very pleasing personality, and during the years of his residence in this locality has won a circle of warm friends which is almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintance.

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#### WILLIAM H. SANDERS.

William H. Sanders, who is now living retired in a comfortable home in Deep River, is one of the few remaining veterans of the Civil war and is a man highly respected by all who know him. He was born in Trumbull county, Ohio, February 12, 1841, a son of Henry and Hetta (Smith) Sanders, who were natives of Pennsylvania, where they were reared and married. They removed from the Keystone state to Ohio, and in 1854 they continued their journey farther west, locating on a farm in Poweshiek county, Iowa, four miles north of Montezuma. In 1860 the father removed with his family to Dallas, Texas, and his death occurred there in the fall of that year. The mother afterward returned to Iowa and here her remaining years were spent. Their family numbered five sons and four daughters, namely: Harrison, a resident of Montezuma; Franklin, deceased, who served three years in the Civil war as a member of the Tenth Iowa Infantry; William H., of this review; Mrs. Mary

Ann Stonehocker, a resident of New Sharon, Iowa; Eliza, the wife of Peter Smith, a resident of Searsboro, Iowa; Daniel Monroe, who served ninety days in the Civil war, as a member of the Forty-sixth Iowa Infantry, and now resides in Allegany county, New York; Charles, who makes his home in Pleasant township; Mrs. Rose Ann Mullellan, deceased; and Rachel Kistler, a resident of Ohio.

William H. Sanders spent the period of his early boyhood and youth in Ohio and accompanied his parents on their removal to Iowa in 1854. He remained under the parental roof until he had reached the age of sixteen years, when, in 1858, he went to La Plata, Missouri, where he remained until the fall of 1860, at which time his father died in Texas, leaving the mother in destitute circumstances. The son then went south, covering much of the distance on foot. In the spring of 1861 he and his mother started on the overland journey for the north, driving an old ox team. They had a long, arduous and dangerous trip, owing to the war and the murders being committed as the people from the south were making their way to the northern states. They arrived in Poweshiek county late in the fall of 1861, and here Mr. Sanders remained until the time of his enlistment. It was on the 4th of January, 1863, that he became a member of Company E, Fourth Iowa Cavalry, and it was through his and the efforts of A. L. Morgan, Sebastian Boyd, Barney Neall and Ed. McVay, who also enlisted, that Deep River township was saved from being drafted. He took part with his regiment in the battles of Guntown, Big Blue, Osage, Selma, Alabama; Montgomery, Augusta and Columbus, Georgia, which was the last battle of the war. Both he and his two brothers were fortunate in escaping without serious injury, the only accident being a slight gunshot wound in the hand and wrist of Franklin Sanders. William H. Sanders was honorably discharged in 1865.

After the close of hostilities Mr. Sanders returned to his home in Poweshiek county and once more resumed the occupation of farming. He eventually became the owner of one hundred fifty-three and a half acres adjoining the corporation limits of Deep River and located on section 4, Deep River township. Throughout a long period he was actively identified with agricultural pursuits but in February, 1904, having accumulated a property that supplies him with the comforts of life, he retired and is now living in a nice home which he built in the town. He still retains possession of his farm land and from this derives a good income each year.

Mr. Sanders was married August 10, 1861, in Deep River township, to Miss Hilpa A. Rundle, who was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, April 28, 1837. Her parents, Oliver B. and Ann (Sargood) Rundle, were natives of the east, the former born in New Jersey, and the latter in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. They were married, however, in Ohio, and there made their home until 1849, when they removed to Poweshiek county, the father entering the farm which is now owned by Mr. Sanders. They made the overland journey from Ohio to Poweshiek county with wagons and two teams, leaving their home in the former state on the 4th of May, 1849, and arriving here on the 5th of June following. Mr. Rundle died on the home farm when in his eighty-eighth year, and Mrs. Rundle passed away at the age of eighty-two. Their family numbered



three daughters and one son: Mrs. Emily Morgan, who died in Hardin county, Iowa; Elizabeth J., the widow of Stephen N. Glandon, a resident of South English, Iowa; John S., who was killed by a train in 1892; and Mrs. Sanders, who is now the oldest resident in Deep River township.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Sanders has been blessed with five children: Clara, who became the wife of Charles Jenkins and died leaving one daughter, Mabel; Alvah B., who is engaged in the real-estate business in Deep River; Amsdon, who is a merchant of Wellman, Iowa; Minnie, of Denver, Colorado; and Edward, who operates the home farm. Mrs. Sanders has proved a faithful helpmate to her husband, for soon after their marriage he enlisted for service in the Civil war and the care of the farm devolved upon her, but she proved herself equal to the arduous task and from that time to the present has been loyal to him in years of adversity as well as in years of prosperity. They have lived together for half a century and on the 10th of August, 1911, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage.

Mr. Sanders has been a lifelong republican and his fellow townsmen have called upon him to fill various public offices of trust and responsibility. He is identified with the Methodist Episcopal church and is a member of the Grand Army post at Deep River. He has ever been found ready to lend his aid and influence in the cause of every good movement, heartily promoting the progress and advancement of his community. He has led a busy, useful and active life, and now he and his estimable wife are enjoying in retirement the accumulations of profitable, successful and honorable careers.

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### ROBERT MARK McWILLIAMS.

An excellent farm of two hundred and fifty acres in Lincoln township is the reward of the capably directed efforts of Robert Mark McWilliams, whose success in life is due to his own endeavors. He was born in Scotland in March, 1825, and there he was reared and educated and continued to reside until he had attained his twenty-third year. His parents, who were John and Eugenie (Barron) McWilliams, spent their entire lives in the land where they were born and where the father engaged in farming.

Reared in the parental home in Scotland, Robert Mark McWilliams acquired his education in the common schools of his native village. In 1848 he decided to become a citizen of the United States, believing that if the wonderful stories he heard regarding the opportunities here afforded ambitious young men were but partially true, they were much better than in his own country. Upon his arrival in the United States he first located in Ohio, where he resided for three years at the end of which period he removed to Iowa. He first settled in Cedar county, where he remained until 1854, when he came to Poweshiek county, obtaining employment on a farm in Lincoln township, then Deep River, this being before the subdivision of the latter township. Being an ambitious and thrifty young man, he managed to save enough from his meager wages to enable him to buy a portion of his present homestead in 1859, but he continued



to work by the month until 1864. In the latter year he enlisted in Company E, Eleventh Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and went to the front, where he served until the close of the war. He participated in some of the notable conflicts which were waged during the latter part of the war and went with Sherman's army on their famous march to the sea. After receiving his discharge Mr. McWilliams returned to Iowa and located upon his homestead, where he engaged in general farming until his retirement. Although he continues to reside upon his farm it is now operated by one of his sons.

Mr. McWilliams was married in 1857 to Miss Margaret Beveridge, also a native of Scotland and a daughter of James and Sherer Copeland Beveridge, who emigrated to the United States in the '50s. Her father, who was a carpenter by trade, purchased a farm in Ohio, where he spent the remainder of his life, passing away at a ripe old age. Nine children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. McWilliams: Barbara, who is a resident of the village of Deep River; James, who lives near Cedar Rapids; Joseph, operating the old homestead, who is married and has five children; John, engaged in farming in Nebraska; Sarah, the wife of Thomas Olgevie, who is a railroad conductor and lives in Belle Plaine, Iowa; William, who is living in Guernsey, where he follows the carpenter's trade; Alex, living on a farm in Lincoln township, who is married and has five children; Mary, the wife of Samuel Gilmore, who is a farmer in Hardin county; and Charles, who cultivates a farm which he rents south of his father's homestead in Lincoln township. He is married and has five children.

Mr. McWilliams cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln and has ever since given his political allegiance to the republican party. He served as school director, trustee and road supervisor in his township at various times. He has passed the eighty-sixth milestone on life's journey, fifty-seven years of which time have been spent in Poweshiek county, toward the development of which he has contributed his quota.

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### FRED A. STILWELL.

One of the representative stockmen of Union township is Fred A. Stilwell, who was born in that township on the 2nd of September, 1877, his parents being Obadiah and Martha (Steele) Stilwell. The parents were both natives of Indiana, the father having been born in Wayne county on the 29th of January, 1840, while the mother's natal day was the 24th of July, 1843. The education of Obadiah Stilwell was acquired in the common schools of Indiana, in which state he spent the first sixteen years of his life. In 1856, together with his father, Elias Stilwell, he came to Poweshiek county, Iowa, locating in Sugar Creek township on the present site of the Stilwell postoffice. Here the father secured a tract of government land, in the cultivation of which his son assisted him until he was twenty-six years of age. Obadiah subsequently bought a farm in the northern part of the same township, which he improved, but later he disposed of this and bought a place in Union township. He cleared and im-

proved this property, which contained four hundred and thirty-one acres, and engaged in stock-farming, making a specialty of the breeding and raising of cattle and hogs. Mr. Stilwell and Miss Steele were married in Union township in February, 1866, and to them were born five children, but the three eldest, Elizabeth, Frank and an infant, have passed away. Those surviving are: Fred A., our subject; and Ida, the wife of William Terbell, of New Sharon, Mahaska county, Iowa. The father died on the 18th of January, 1910, but the mother still survives and makes her home with her daughter in New Sharon. They were both members of the Church of Christ, and Mr. Stilwell was a democrat, though formerly he had cast his ballot for the republican party. He always took an active interest in township politics and served for some time as supervisor while living in Sugar Creek township.

Fred A. Stilwell was reared on the farm where he is now living and in the acquirement of his education attended the district schools in the locality. He worked for his father until he was twenty-one years of age and then operated the homestead on shares until 1907. For the following three years he rented the farm, which upon the death of his father he inherited. In addition to the cultivation of his fields Mr. Stilwell engages in raising horses and cattle, but makes a specialty of the breeding of Poland China hogs. His farm is drained and substantially fenced, while all of the improvements are kept in the best condition. The stock is well housed, the grounds kept in good condition and everything about the place has an air of thrift and careful regard for details which attests capable supervision. It is one of the attractive and valuable properties of the township and is greatly endeared to Mr. Stilwell because of the associations of a life time.

On the 15th of December, 1898, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Stilwell and Miss Lulu M. Boyd, a daughter of William Jasper and Emily (Samuels) Boyd, of New Sharon. Both Mr. and Mrs. Stilwell hold membership in the Church of Christ and he is also affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, being identified with the Montezuma Lodge. His views in politics coincide with those of the progressive faction of the republican party, for whose candidates he casts his ballot. He is one of the progressive and enterprising agriculturists and stockmen of the county and is secretary of the Corn Belt Meat Association, through the medium of which he maintains relations with farmers throughout the state.

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#### JOHN F. HANNAY.

Coming of good old Scotch ancestry, John F. Hannay, now living retired on his farm in Poweshiek county, has in his life shown many of the sturdy characteristics of a race that is celebrated the world over for the thriftiness, fearlessness and reliability. He was born in Dumfriesshire, Scotland, June 13, 1835, and is a son of Robert and Martha (Finlay) Hannay, both of whom passed their entire lives in the old country. The father was a highly educated man and engaged for many years in teaching school, but devoted his attention to farming



J. F. HANNAY





in early life. He passed away at the age of eighty-three years, having acquired a reputation of which his family and friends might well be proud.

John F. Hannay received his early training in the common schools and later had the advantages of a course of instruction in the Normal College at Glasgow, from which he obtained a certificate as teacher. He received great assistance from his father, who was a teacher of marked ability and who directed the studies of his son along channels that have proven of practical benefit. He was a teacher in a parish school in Scotland for a time and also devoted some attention to farming. Having decided to devote his life to agricultural pursuits in preference to that of teaching he came to America in 1883, having first disposed of land which he owned in Scotland and for which he received one hundred and fifty pounds or seven hundred and fifty dollars per acre. On arriving in this country he located in Davenport, where he rented land for three years. In the spring of 1887 he removed to Poweshiek county, where he continued renting for three years longer. In 1890 he purchased a farm in Grinnell township and now owns six hundred and twenty-seven acres of good land which under his direction has been brought to a high state of cultivation. He has devoted his time especially to the feeding of hogs and cattle. He has always been a good judge of stock and has generally succeeded in securing very satisfactory prices for what he had to offer.

On the 17th of January, 1862, Mr. Hannay was united in marriage in Scotland to Miss Margaret Rankine, a daughter of James and Janet (Brown) Rankine. The father was a farmer of Scotland and he and his wife continued in their native land during their entire lives. Six children came to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Hannay, namely: Jessie B., Martha F., Robert, James R., M. Louise and John G. W.

A man of fine education and broad mind, Mr. Hannay has never lost touch with the world and has always kept thoroughly informed on live topics. He is of a genial disposition and has a kind word for everybody he meets. His friends, therefore, are numbered by the legion. Religiously he adheres to the Congregational church and politically is identified with the republican party but often votes independently as he is not strictly bound by party lines. In all the relations of life he has acquitted himself most honorably as behooves a man who seeks to be guided by principles of justice and truth.

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#### C. W. PIERCE.

C. W. Pierce, who has been engaged in the livery, feed and sale business in Deep River since 1884, is numbered among the energetic and prosperous business men of this locality. He was born in Stephenson county, Illinois, September 10, 1866, a son of James M. and Charlotte (Phelps) Pierce, the former born in New Hampshire and the latter in Illinois. They were married in the latter state and removed to Poweshiek county in 1881. The mother died here in 1898, but the father is still living and still makes his home in Poweshiek county. They became the parents of five children, namely: Hattie, the wife of Fred

Keller, a resident of Deep River; C. W., whose name introduces this review; H. E.; J. C., a resident of Deep River; and one who died in infancy.

C. W. Pierce at the usual age began his education in the public schools of Illinois and in that state was reared to the age of fifteen years, when, in 1881, he accompanied his parents on their removal to Poweshiek county, Iowa. When the town of Deep River was laid out in 1884, Mr. Pierce started a livery business, which he has conducted with success to the present time. He has the best equipped sale stable in the county, his barn being fifty by one hundred and twelve feet in dimensions with basement thirty by one hundred feet. His building which shelters his carriages is twenty-four by seventy feet and he has a blacksmith shop twenty by sixty feet. He keeps twenty fine head of horses for public hire, and he buys and sells from five hundred to six hundred head of horses annually. His long experience in this line has made him an excellent judge of horses and he is therefore able to conduct his business on a profitable basis. He also has a contract for dragging the roads in the north half of Deep River township and his work in this connection gives satisfaction.

Mr. Pierce was married in 1890, the lady of his choice being Miss Minnie Sargent, who was born in Poweshiek county, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Sargent. He is methodical and accurate in the conduct of his business affairs, and the splendid appearance of his horses and carriages as well as the treatment he gives to his patrons has been the means of building up for him an excellent trade.

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### MARK GRIER.

One of the progressive and highly successful young agriculturists of Poweshiek county is Mark Grier, who resides in Lincoln township, on the farm where he was born on the 11th of May, 1878. He is a son of Benton and Mary Jane (Sanders) Grier, natives of Ohio, the father having been born in Guernsey county on the 14th of July, 1842. His paternal ancestors were originally from Ireland, emigrating from there to America and locating in Pennsylvania in pioneer days. The great-grandfather removed from the Keystone state to Ohio, where the grandfather, Thomas Grier, was born on the 20th of November, 1810, in Belmont county. On the 6th of December, 1832, he was united in marriage to Charity Benton, and they continued to live in the Buckeye state until the fall of 1864, when they removed to Iowa, settling in Poweshiek county, where the father, who became an extensive landowner, passed away on the 15th of December, 1866. Thomas Grier willed to each of his sons, with the exception of Benton, one hundred and sixty acres of land and to his daughters eighty. Benton Grier was born in Guernsey county, Ohio, on the 14th of July, 1842, but was reared and educated in Coshocton county. He was twenty-one years of age when his father removed to Iowa and for two years thereafter he continued to remain at home assisting in the operation of the farm in Lincoln township. In 1865 he purchased eighty acres of land on section 33 from his brother Reuben, the papers being signed on the 10th of January. For his wife and helpmate he chose Miss Mary Jane Sanders, who was a native of Morgan

county, Ohio, and they became the parents of seven children, the son Mark being the sixth in order of birth. Mr. and Mrs. Grier manifested their religious faith through their affiliation with the United Presbyterian church.

Reared on the old homestead where he is now living, Mark Grier acquired his education in the common schools of his native township, and assisted his father, at such times as he was not engaged with his studies, in the work of the farm. After laying aside his school books he assumed the management of the homestead, which he now owns in addition to two hundred and forty acres of land which he rents. He makes a specialty of raising shorthorn cattle and feeds cattle and hogs for the market, in both of which lines he is meeting with lucrative returns. The house now occupied by him and his wife is the one which his father erected on the place when he first located there and in which Mark Grier was born.

On the 4th of May, 1904, occurred the marriage of Mark Grier and Sarah E. Bowden, a daughter of Hugh and Margaret (Hamilton) Bowden, both natives of Ireland. Her parents emigrated from the Emerald isle to the United States in the early '60s, locating upon a farm in Lincoln township, Poweshiek county, Iowa, which the father has brought to a high state of cultivation. Three children have been born unto Mr. and Mrs. Grier: Louise, Zelma and Paul R.

The political views of Mr. Grier conform with the principles of the republican party, for whose candidates he always casts his ballot. A man of broad general intelligence, he is a representative of the progressive type of agriculturist who readily avails himself of the opportunities afforded by modern methods in the pursuit of his vocation.

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### MARTIN ROHRER.

Martin Rohrer, who passed away in Victor on the 6th of February, 1905, at the venerable age of eighty-two, was long and successfully identified with the agricultural interests of Poweshiek county, owning an excellent farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Jefferson township. His birth occurred in Berkeley county, West Virginia, on the 4th of November, 1822, his parents being Jacob and Mary (Funk) Rohrer, who were natives of Pennsylvania and Maryland respectively. Both came of sturdy old German stock and passed away in the state of West Virginia.

Martin Rohrer attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education and when still quite young learned the trade of a millwright, following that occupation for several years. He erected the mills at Georgetown and also the noted Eacle Mills in Maryland. On the 3d of October, 1855, he wedded Miss Catherine Elizabeth Newcomber, by whom he had the following children: John Henry, who was born on the 4th of July, 1856, and passed away on the 25th of September, 1864; Annie Elizabeth, born April 30, 1858, who gave her hand in marriage to James McCarty, of Hartwick, Poweshiek county, Iowa; Solon, whose birth occurred on the 8th of January, 1860, and who passed away on the 8th of March, 1862; and Alma, who was born on the

25th of September, 1863, and is the wife of W. O. Steffa of California. The mother of these children was called to her final rest in 1867.

After his marriage Mr. Rohrer had left his native state and taken up his abode in Ogle county, Illinois, where he followed farming until 1865, when he disposed of his property and came to Victor, Iowa, here becoming identified with general mercantile pursuits. Three years after the death of his wife he retired from business and returned to Ogle county, Illinois, there residing for two years. He patented a tongue used in wagons, cultivators, etc., and placed it on the market. On the 5th of March, 1872, he was again married, his second union being with Miss Ellen C. Gray, who was born in Washington county, Maryland, on the 18th of November, 1829, her parents being John and Mary (Clomb) Gray, who passed away in that state. John Gray, a farmer by occupation, served in the Continental army at Baltimore, Maryland, during the Revolutionary war.

After his second marriage Mr. Rohrer returned to Iowa and purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres three miles north of Victor, in Jefferson township, Poweshiek county. The further cultivation and improvement of that property claimed his attention until 1892, when he put aside the active work of the fields and took up his abode in Victor, there spending the remainder of his life in honorable retirement. His widow disposed of the farm after his demise and still makes her home in Victor.

Martin Rohrer was a God-fearing man who lived a life in consistent harmony with the teachings of the Dunkard church, which he joined in 1877 and of which his widow is also a member. His funeral took place on the 8th of February, 1905, the services being conducted by the Rev. John Zook, of the Clarence Dunkard church, with the assistance of Rev. C. E. Cushman of the Victor Congregational church. The body was tenderly laid to rest in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Victor. Mr. Rohrer was a man of quiet, gentle disposition and domestic tastes, a good citizen, a loving husband and an indulgent father. His memory is yet cherished by all who knew him and most of all by her with whom he traveled life's journey so happily for many years.

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#### HARRY W. DEE.

A well known citizen of Sheridan township is Harry W. Dee, who is actively and successfully engaged in cultivating a four hundred acre farm on sections 9 and 10. He was born in Princeton, Bureau county, Illinois, on the 19th of November, 1870, his parents being James E. and Mary (McElvania) Dee. The father was a native of Vermont, his birth occurring on the 7th of April, 1843, and the mother of Ireland, her natal day being the 1st of May, 1845. When a lad of about twelve years James E. Dee removed with his parents from his native state to Ohio, locating in Columbus about 1855, and two years later settled in Bureau county, Illinois. Upon attaining his maturity Mr. Dee decided to adopt for his life vocation farming, the pursuit for which he was best fitted by nature and experience. He was identified with agricultural pursuits in Illinois



until 1880, at which time he came to Iowa, locating in Sheridan township, Poweshiek county, where a year previously he had purchased eighty acres of land, which he had rented until he settled upon it in 1880. He and his wife are now residing upon a farm adjoining the one owned by their son, Harry W. He was one of the defenders of the Union for a year and a half during the Civil war, having enlisted April 7, 1862, in the One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Illinois Volunteer Infantry.

Being reared at home Harry W. Dee acquired his early education in the district schools of Illinois and Iowa, this being later supplemented by a course in the academic and commercial departments of Iowa College at Grinnell, where he remained for two years. During his vacations and at such other periods as he could be spared from his text-books, he assisted his father in the cultivation of the farm. After the completion of his education in 1891 he returned home and rented his father's farm, which he operated for nine years. Two years later he purchased eighty acres of land on section 9, Sheridan township, which he also cultivated, and in 1897 he bought forty acres adjoining the home place on the southwest. At the expiration of another two years he purchased eighty acres from his father adjoining the original farm on the north, while in 1899 he bought one hundred and sixty acres on section 10, same township, to which he added another forty adjoining it on the south, making the aggregate of his land holdings four hundred acres, in addition to his large farms near Mount Vernon in Linn county, Iowa, and South Dakota. His homestead is under a fine state of cultivation, and the land, which is tiled and thoroughly drained, is given the careful supervision which results in abundant harvests, while all the improvements are kept in repair and excellent condition, everything about the place bespeaking thrift and prosperity.

In the fall of 1893 Mr. Dee established a home of his own by his marriage to Miss Evalyn Wolcott, who was educated at Grinnell Academy. She is a daughter of Edwin and Angeline (Barnum) Wolcott, at that time well known and prominent citizens of Sheridan township. Mr. and Mrs. Wolcott were both natives of New York state, removing from there to Whiteside county, Illinois, and later to Poweshiek county, Iowa, and settling upon a farm, in the cultivation of which he engaged until he passed away on the 1st of December, 1901, at the home of our subject. Mrs. Wolcott had died five years before, her demise occurring on the 5th of July, 1896. Five sons have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Dee: Glen H., who is sixteen years of age, a student in the engineering department of Cornell College at Mount Vernon, Iowa; Harold M., thirteen years of age; Harry Paul, who is nine; Ralph V., now five; and James E., aged three.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee and the three older boys are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Sheridan, while he is also affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America, both of Sheridan, and Mrs. Dee is a member of the Royal Neighbors, the ladies auxiliary of the Modern Woodmen, at Sheridan.

Ever since attaining his majority Mr. Dee has given his political support to the candidates of the republican party. He always takes an active and helpful interest in local affairs and was for seven years township clerk, while at present

he is serving as secretary of the board of school directors of district No. 1, Sheridan township. He is one of the progressive and successful citizens of the community, who is well regarded and highly esteemed, his prosperity being directly and justly attributed to his own well directed effort.

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#### HON. GEORGE E. GRIER.

Hon. George E. Grier, the present efficient bank examiner of the state of Iowa, has throughout his business career been identified with banking and educational interests and his experience in the former connection led to his appointment to the position he now holds. Mr. Grier has always resided in and near Deep River, for his birth occurred on a farm in Lincoln township, two and a half miles north of the town, on the 18th of March, 1876.

His paternal grandparents, Thomas and Charlotte Grier, were natives of Pennsylvania, whence they removed to Ohio and later came to Poweshiek county in an early day but only lived about three years after taking up their abode in this district. They had a family of eleven children, eight sons and three daughters, including Benton Grier, who became the father of him whose name introduces this review.

The father was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, July 14, 1842, and was there reared and educated. He was a young man of twenty-two years when, in 1864, he accompanied his parents on their removal to Poweshiek county, the family home being established on a farm in Lincoln township, where he engaged in farming throughout the remainder of his life. He became a successful man, owning three hundred and twenty acres of rich farming land. He became very prominent in public affairs and on the democratic ticket was called to fill many positions of trust and responsibility, serving continuously as township assessor, township trustee, school director and in various other positions. He was an active worker in the United Presbyterian church, rearing his eight children in that faith, and family worship was daily observed in his household, his life being lived in harmony with his professions.

Benton Grier was married to Miss Mary J. Sanders, who was born in Jefferson county, Ohio, August 5, 1840. She was there reared and in the fall of 1864 came to Poweshiek county with her parents, George E. and Maria Sanders, the family home being established on a farm in Lincoln township. She was married on that farm and her remaining years were spent within a mile of where her father had located. She died August 28, 1905, but Mr. Grier had preceded her to the grave many years before, his death occurring February 13, 1891, when he was forty-nine years of age, while at the time of her demise she was sixty-five years of age. Their family numbered eight children, Charles, the eldest, who was born May 19, 1868, was killed in an automobile accident, December 28, 1910, leaving a widow and four children. He was a farmer residing on the old Grier homestead where his grandfather had first located. He was prominent in Masonic circles, having served as master of his lodge for three years. Ross, the next member of the family, is now serving as post-

master of Deep River. Park also makes his home in that village. Martha Maria is the wife of W. E. Atherton, a resident of Lincoln township. George E. is the next in order of birth. Mark operates the old homestead in Lincoln township. Morris also lives in that township. Benjamin W. is acting as cashier of the Savings Bank at Hartwick.

George E. Grier, the fourth son and fifth child in his father's family, was reared in much the usual manner of farm lads, assisting his father in the work of the farm through the spring and summer seasons, while during the winter months he pursued his studies in the district schools. He later spent two years in the high school at Deep River, graduating in May, 1895, after which he spent five years in study in Iowa College at Grinnell, graduating from that institution in June, 1900. For two years thereafter he was principal of the high school at Deep River, but in June, 1902, he entered the employ of the State Bank at Deep River. A year later, in June, 1903, having proved his capability and trustworthiness, he was made cashier of the bank, which position he held until February, 1911, when he was appointed by the state auditor to the position of bank examiner of the state of Iowa. He is now devoting his entire time to this work, his service ever being characterized by integrity, accuracy, promptness and courteous treatment of his patrons. He is likewise financially interested in the brick and tile company at Deep River, this being one of the largest industrial concerns in this section of the state.

Mr. Grier is a republican in his political views and affiliations and in 1896 was elected on that ticket as representative to the legislature from Poweshiek county. He was reelected in 1898, serving in the thirty-second and thirty-third general assemblies during his two terms. He is a prominent and popular member of the Presbyterian church at Deep River and also belongs to Golden Rod Lodge of Masons, No. 512.

It was in 1904 that Mr. Grier wedded Miss Margaret Alma Cox, who was born November 10, 1874, a daughter of George Cox, a well-to-do resident of Deep River, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work. Four children, two little sons and two daughters, have come to bless the home of Mr. and Mrs. Grier, these being Hamlin Cox, Mary Catharine, Elizabeth and George Edward. The family occupy a beautiful and modern home, the finest in Deep River, which Mr. Grier erected in the year 1908. Both he and his wife are popular in the social circles of their locality, and their attractive and hospitable home is a favorite resort for their many friends.

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#### WILLIAM PUTNAM.

William Putnam is numbered among the younger representatives of farming interests in Deep River township and Poweshiek county. He carries on business on quite an extensive scale and is the owner of excellent farming land here. He was born on a farm in Deep River township, June 16, 1872, a son of Harvey C. and Sarah A. (Stewart) Putnam. The father was born in Windsor county, Vermont, October 19, 1825, and when a lad of eight years accompanied his

parents on their removal to Chautauqua county, New York, where he was reared to mature years. On the 1st of January, 1850, he was married to Miss Sarah A. Stewart, who was born in Chautauqua county, New York, September 13, 1829. In the spring of 1856 they removed to a farm near Brooklyn in Poweshiek county, Iowa, where they resided for ten years, when they removed to Deep River township, and there the father engaged in farming throughout a long period. They had a family of nine children, six sons and three daughters, namely: Francis and Daniel, who died in early manhood; Merton A., who resides near Gibson, Iowa; Helen, who became the wife of John McKeag and departed this life on the 5th of January, 1904; one who died in infancy; Hartley S., who resides in Gibson; Katie, the wife of B. H. Ringle and resident of Brookings, South Dakota; Charles, who makes his home in Montezuma; and William, of this review. Both Mr. and Mrs. Putnam were consistent Christian people, living in harmony with their professions as members of the Methodist Episcopal church, with which they had long been identified. The father departed this life June 17, 1909, when he was eighty-three years of age, while the mother, surviving for only a short time, passed away February 5, 1911, when eighty-one years of age.

William Putnam was reared on the home farm in Deep River township and with the exception of one year spent in Deep River in the stock business, he has followed farming throughout his life. He is now the owner of two hundred and twenty acres, located on section 18, Deep River township, and in connection with his brother Charles owns three hundred and seventy-three acres on section 7 of the same township. He operates both tracts and is carrying on business on quite an extensive scale. He has a thorough knowledge of the best methods of agriculture and his work is bringing him success. His farm is improved with good buildings and everything about the place is kept in good condition, indicating to the passer-by his progressive and enterprising methods.

Mr. Putnam was married March 22, 1899, the lady of his choice being Miss Myrtle E. Cranston, who was born in Deep River township, June 18, 1875, a daughter of R. B. Cranston, who is well known here. Mr. and Mrs. Putnam have two children: Cecil Donovan, born September 6, 1901; and Ida Opal, born October 20, 1904.

Mr. Putnam is a republican in his political views and affiliations and is a member of the Masonic order. Both he and his wife are well known in their section of the county, where their entire lives have been passed, and their sterling worth has won for them warm and lasting friendships.

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#### JOSEPH F. EISELE.

Probably few men are better known in the business circles of Malcom and its vicinity than Joseph F. Eisele, farmer, stock-man and capitalist. He was born in Bureau county, Illinois, about five miles north of Princeton, on the 10th of August, 1857, a son of Andrew and Philippina (Wentzel) Eisele. His parents were both natives of Germany, the father's birth occurring in Baden, Germany, on the 11th





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of October, 1830. On the 17th of December, 1851, he left his native land and, after a long journey covering two months, arrived in Philadelphia on the 17th of February, 1852. For about four years thereafter he resided in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, where he was married, in 1856, and on the 25th of December, of that year, made his way westward to Illinois, locating in Bureau county, near Princeton. In October, 1868, he came to Poweshiek county, settling on a farm in Malcom township about a mile north of the farm upon which his son, J. F. Eisele, now resides. He was a man of the highest Christian character, loved and respected by all who came in contact with him. He was ever honest and upright, strong in his convictions, loyal in friendship and kind-hearted, generous and charitable almost to a fault. He belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and in his daily life ever exemplified the principles upon which that order is founded,—friendship, love and truth. He was also a member of Lily Lodge, No. 254, A. F. & A. M.; and Hysop Chapter, No. 52, R. A. M. At the time of his demise, which occurred on the 31st of July, 1896, Malcom township lost one of its most highly honored and valued citizens. Mr. Eisele had been married, on the 29th of November, 1856, in Pennsylvania, to Miss Philippina Wentzel, who was born in Ifersdorf, in the kingdom of Bavaria, Germany, on the 10th of February, 1833. She grew to young womanhood in the fatherland and in the spring of 1855 came to America. After the death of her husband she made her home with her daughter, Mrs. George Baustian, of Sheridan township, where she passed away on the 24th of March, 1906, at the age of seventy-three years. She was a woman of broad Christianity and great nobility of character, and one of the most loyal and faithful workers in the Lutheran church here. She was a loving and devoted mother and wife and an excellent neighbor and friend. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Eisele were seven children, as follows: Joseph F., of this review; Charles, of Malcom township, who is mentioned on another page of this volume; Mary, the wife of Gust Schultz, of Malcom township, who is also mentioned elsewhere in this work; Ida, who married Fred Schultz, whose sketch is found in another part of this volume; Philippina, who married George Baustian, of Sheridan township; William J., of Madison county, Iowa; and John P., of Malcom township. All of these children were born in Bureau county, Illinois, near Princeton, with the exception of the last named, whose birth occurred in Poweshiek county.

Fortunate in having the lines of his life cast amid the wholesome scenes and environment of the country, Joseph F. Eisele spent the period of his boyhood and youth upon his father's farm, first in his native state, and later in Poweshiek county, Iowa, and there became familiar with the tasks that usually fall to the lot of the country lad. He early manifested the spirit of progress and enterprise which later proved a resultant force in his successful business career, and he remained with his parents until he was twenty-six years of age, when he took up agricultural pursuits on his own account. For one year he farmed the home place independently and then removed to the P. R. Raymond farm, which he operated as a renter for twenty-three years. About nine years ago, however, he purchased his home place, consisting of one hundred and sixty acres in Malcom township, adjoining the Raymond farm, and about five years ago he also acquired the latter by purchase, that place consisting of three hundred and twenty acres. Both farms are well improved, with two sets of good buildings, while the fields have been

brought under a high state of cultivation. This entire property, consisting of four hundred and eighty acres, has for the past twenty-eight years been operated as a stock farm, Mr. Eisele being recognized as one of the largest and best known stock-raisers and shippers in Poweshiek county. He deals entirely with the Chicago market, shipping from eight hundred to one thousand head of cattle and from three hundred to four hundred hogs per year. He is also one of the extensive landowners of this locality, possessing another farm of three hundred and twenty acres at Earlham, Iowa. He is also interested in land in Saskatchewan, Canada, in South Dakota and in Fulton and Dunn counties, Wisconsin.

Although the successful conduct of his farming interests requires much of his time and attention Mr. Eisele has also become widely known in financial circles in this locality as president of the Malcom Savings Bank, which position he has filled since its reorganization from a private bank on the 1st of July, 1906. He is deeply interested in the affairs of the institution of which he is the executive head, has instituted a safe, conservative policy which has won the confidence of the general public, and gives to its interests the same close attention, sound judgment and keen discrimination that he does to his more personal enterprises. He is a stockholder in the Malcom Garage Company, the Malcom Lighting Plant and the Poweshiek County Central Agricultural Society, and also of the Malcom Auditorium Company, all of which indicate the scope of his interests.

Mr. Eisele was married, on the 22d of May, 1883, to Miss Francis F. Schultz, who was born in Sheridan township, Poweshiek county, on the 3rd of March, 1865. She is a daughter of Henry and Mary Johanna (Rehberg) Schultz, extended mention of whom is given under the caption of Gust G. Schultz, their son. Mr. and Mrs. Eisele have become the parents of three children, namely: Viola May, who was born on the 13th of May, 1884, now the wife of E. E. Lamb, of Malcom, and who have one son, Earl F.; Grover Franklin, born July 1, 1887, now residing in Malcom, who is married and has one son, Joseph Boyd; and Josephine Francis, who was born January 5, 1905.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Eisele has been a stalwart democrat and for twelve years served as township trustee and as assessor for three terms or six years. In 1904 he was his party's candidate for representative from his district to the lower house, but was defeated, owing to the well known republican majority in Poweshiek county. Something of his popularity, however, is indicated by the fact that he ran seven hundred votes ahead of his party ticket, running ahead of the ticket in every precinct in the county. He was reared in the faith of the Baptist church, of which he is now a faithful member, and in fraternal circles is an exemplary Mason. He holds membership in Lily Lodge, No. 254, A. F. & A. M.; Hysop Chapter, No. 52, R. A. M., both of Malcom, and was one of the first members of St. Andrew's Commandery, K. T., also of this city.

He has every reason to be proud of the prominent position which he has won for himself in the business circles of Poweshiek county, for it has come to him as a result entirely of his own well directed efforts and industry. He started out independently in the business world at the age of twenty-six years, his entire stock in trade consisting of a thorough knowledge of the principles



of agriculture, a span of mules and a few farm implements. However, in youth ambition told to him the story of what might be accomplished and his persistency of purpose never faltered until the goal was reached. He proved that success and an honored name may be won simultaneously, and yet success has not been the whole end and aim of his life, for his associates find in him a faithful friend, his family a most loyal and loving husband and father, and the community a valued citizen. He feels, however, that much credit should be given to his wife, who has indeed proved herself a true helpmate and companion on life's journey. She has thoroughly mastered every detail of her husband's business and ably and successfully carries on his interests during his absence, and much of his success in later years has been due to her interest, help and inspiration.

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### CHARLES GRIER.

One of the most attractive as well as most valuable farms in the eastern part of Poweshiek county is the homestead of the late Charles Grier, who was regarded as one of the most substantial agriculturists of Lincoln township. Mr. Grier, who was killed by an auto accident near his residence on the 28th of December, 1910, was born in Lincoln township on the 19th of May, 1869, being a son of Benton and Mary Jane (Sanders) Grier. In the paternal line he is of Irish extraction, his great-great-grandfather having emigrated to the United States from the Emerald isle, locating in Pennsylvania. The great-grandfather removed to Ohio, where the grandfather, Thomas Grier, was born on the 20th of November, 1810, in Belmont county. At the age of twenty-two years he was married to Miss Charity Benton, their union being solemnized on the 6th of December, 1832. The first thirty-two years of their domestic life were spent in the Buckeye state, but at the expiration of that time, however, they removed to Iowa, settling in Poweshiek county, where the father, who became an extensive landowner, passed away on the 15th of December, 1866. Thomas Grier willed to each of his sons, except Benton, one hundred and sixty acres of land, and to his daughters eighty. Benton Grier, who spent the first twenty-three years of his life under the paternal roof, was born in Guernsey county, Ohio, on the 14th of July, 1842, but was reared and educated in Coshocton county. For one year after locating in Iowa he assisted his father in the cultivation of the home farm, but in 1865 he purchased eighty acres of land on section 33, Lincoln township, from his brother Reuben, which is now the homestead of his son Mark. Benton Grier married Miss Mary Jane Sanders, a native of Morgan county, Ohio, and they became the parents of seven children. They attended the United Presbyterian church, of which they were members.

The entire life of Charles Grier was spent in the township where he was born and in the district schools of which he acquired his education. After laying aside his text-books he assisted his father in the cultivation of the home farm until 1895, at which time he purchased a farm of three hundred and forty acres on section 33, Lincoln township, where his widow and children continue to

reside. This is one of the most valuable properties in the county, having been well improved and brought to a high state of cultivation by Mr. Grier. The residence, which is a large comfortable house equipped with all modern conveniences, is situated upon a hill which commands a fine view of all of the surrounding country. The barns and outbuildings are substantially constructed and thoroughly repaired; the grounds, orchard and groves are well cared for; and the place is stocked with a fine grade of cattle and horses, all of which are in excellent condition. Mr. Grier took much pride in his place and being a progressive agriculturist was always ready to adopt every new theory which to him appeared to be practical in the operation of his land.

Mr. Grier was married on the 6th of March, 1895, to Miss Eliza J. Johnston, a daughter of Joseph C. and Margaret O. (Johnston) Johnston. Her parents, who were natives of Ireland, emigrated to the United States and located in Poweshiek county in pioneer days. The father, who was a farmer, was engaged in agricultural pursuits until he retired to Deep River, where he passed away. Five children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Grier, in order of birth as follows: Martha L., who is attending the high school at Deep River; Joseph Benton; Harlan, who died in infancy; Margaret O.; and Florence. The children are all in school with the exception of the youngest daughter, who is not yet old enough.

A republican, Mr. Grier gave his support to the men and measures of that party and served as a trustee and school director in his township. Both he and his wife held membership in the Methodist Episcopal church at Deep River, where the family still worship. His demise was a great blow not only to his family but the entire community in which he resided and where he was highly regarded. Mr. Grier was a man of excellent business judgment, good principles and with a rare sense of civic responsibilities which qualities would have made him an acquisition to any community.

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#### MELVILLE A. LATHAM.

Melville A. Latham, who is engaged in the cultivation of his farm although residing in Searsboro, was born in Hartford county, Connecticut, on the 27th of December, 1846. He is a son of Amos B. and Caroline (Loomis) Latham, also natives of Hartford county, the birth of the mother having occurred in Westchester. She held membership in the Congregational church. The parents spent their entire lives in the state of their nativity, where the father followed the carpenter's trade until he passed away. He was twice married and had eight children, six by his first marriage and two by the second, namely: Jane, the widow of Stanley S. Wadsworth, of East Hartford, Connecticut; Betsy M., the deceased wife of William Burland, of Marshall, Michigan; Imogene C., the widow of Hawley Skinner, of East Hampton Connecticut; William E., of New Britain, Connecticut; Joel E., a resident of Rogers, Arkansas; Melville A., our subject; and Charles and Ernest B., both residents of New York city.

The early years of Melville A. Latham were spent on the New England home where he was born, his education being acquired in the common schools of the district. After laying aside his text-books he remained at home and worked on the farm until he came west. He first located in Marshall, Michigan, where for two years he followed blacksmithing. At the expiration of that time he came to Poweshiek county, Iowa, locating in Searsboro in 1871. Here he engaged in the mercantile business with his brother Joel E. for three years, and then, disposing of his interest, he again became identified with the blacksmith's trade, which he followed for sixteen years. In 1890 he withdrew from that occupation and bought a farm, in the cultivation of which he has ever since been continuously engaged.

Mr. Latham was united in marriage on the 26th of October, 1873, to Miss Margaret E. Williams, a daughter of John W. and Elizabeth Dumbille Williams, of Grinnell, Iowa. Her mother, who was a native of England, came to America when a little girl and died in this county in August, 1904. Mr. Williams was born in Indiana and at the age of seven years removed to Illinois, where he was reared and married, later coming to Iowa. During the Civil war he enlisted in the Eleventh Iowa Volunteer Infantry but gave out while on the march with Sherman to the sea and died by the roadside, four miles from Savannah, Georgia. In his family were six children: Sarah A., who died at the age of twelve years; Logan P., who died at the age of five years; Margaret E., now Mrs. Latham; Martha J., wife of L. W. Morgan, of Lincoln, Nebraska; George T., of Grinnell, Iowa; and Mary E., wife of Zenas M. Chapman, of Rock Rapids, Iowa. To Mr. and Mrs. Latham were born two sons and a daughter: Arnold B., who is living in Searsboro; Hawley R., who is a resident of Sugar Creek township; and Maude Adel, deceased.

The family always attend the services of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which Mrs. Latham holds membership, while fraternally Mr. Latham is identified with the Masonic order and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at the present time serving as treasurer of the latter organization. In political matters his views coincide with those of the republican party, for whose candidates he casts his ballot, and he has held the office of constable in his township. Perseverance and hard work have brought a fair degree of success to Mr. Latham, who is recognized as one of the worthy and upright citizens of his community.

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#### FRANK E. MINTLE.

Poweshiek county numbers among its citizens many enterprising and successful agriculturists but none have made more notable progress in the pursuit of their vocation than Frank E. Mintle, who at the age of forty is recognized as one of the substantial farmers and stockmen of the county. He was born in Woodhull, Illinois; on the 11th of August, 1870, and is a son of Philip and Susan (Maxwell) Mintle, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Texas. The father's birth occurred in the vicinity of Dayton on the 12th of August, 1837. In his early manhood he removed to Illinois, locating in Woodhull, where he

engaged in the grocery business and he also owned a livery stable. He continued to reside there for eight years, at the expiration of which period he and his family removed to Iowa, settling upon a farm in Malcom township, Poweshiek county, in 1871. He rented land during the first four years of his residence here but at the end of that time he bought one hundred and sixty acres in the same township, continuing to lease a similar amount, however. Later he traded his quarter section for eighty acres located elsewhere in the township. After operating this for several years he purchased one hundred and sixty acres. He disposed of his interests in 1896 and retired to Grinnell, where he and his wife continue to reside.

Frank E. Mintle was only a babe of eight months when his parents settled in Poweshiek county, where he was reared, acquiring his education in the district schools. He remained a member of the parental home until he had attained his majority, devoting his entire attention, after laying aside his school books, to agricultural pursuits, having decided upon that for his life vocation. The first year he worked for himself he farmed as a renter, during which time he acquired the means to enable him to become a property holder, purchasing forty acres of land in Malcom township in 1892. The year afterward he added another forty to his tract and having cultivated this for a year he disposed of his eighty acres and rented a farm of four hundred and twenty-seven acres in Sheridan township on equal shares with John Plum. He operated this for three years and then bought another eighty in Malcom township, upon which he resided for six years. He sold this in 1900, and purchased two hundred and eighty-five acres elsewhere in Malcom township, upon which he located the year following. After cultivating it for eight years he sold and bought one hundred and sixty acres in Malcom township, and eighty acres south of Grinnell, making his entire acreage two hundred and forty. In 1909 he removed to Grinnell, where he is now residing but continues to cultivate his farm. He is one of the extensive stockmen and heavy shippers of the county, feeding from nine to ten carloads of cattle and hogs annually, for which purpose he raises the most of the grain. Mr. Mintle's Malcom township land is well improved, thoroughly drained and highly cultivated, being regarded as one of the most valuable properties in the township.

In 1892 Mr. Mintle was united in marriage to Miss Laura Smith, a daughter of Charles and Ellen (Maxwell) Smith, both of whom were born and reared in Henry county, Illinois. Her father, who was a general merchant, died twenty years ago, but her mother is still living and continues to make her home in Henry county. Mrs. Mintle, who is also a native of Henry county, came to Iowa in 1891. She has become the mother of five children as follows: Harley, who is eighteen years of age; Thomas, sixteen; Earl, fourteen; Hazel, twelve; and Loring, who has passed his tenth year.

Mr. Mintle is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being identified with the lodge at Grinnell, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, his membership in the latter organization being in Lodge No. 312 at Marshalltown, Iowa. Independent in politics, he casts his ballot for the candidates he feels are best qualified for the position regardless of party affiliation. Not being an aspirant to public honors he has never actively participated in gov-



ernmental affairs. At one time he was elected to the office of constable while residing in Malcom township but refused to qualify for the office. Possessed of an abundance of energy and business sagacity, Mr. Mintle has met with more than average success in his ventures and is regarded as one of the competent business men as well as capable agriculturists of Poweshiek county.

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### ALEXANDER CHARLES LESTER.

Farming claims the time and attention of Alexander Charles Lester, who now owns one hundred and twenty acres in Deep River township, a part of which constitutes the old homestead. This farm is the place of his birth, his natal day being March 15, 1863. He is the youngest in a family of five children whose parents were Alexander and Ann Jane (Graham) Lester. The father was born near Belfast in County Down, Ireland, in 1816. In 1848 he emigrated to the new world and for a few years worked as a carpet weaver in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In 1850 he went to Detroit, Michigan, and for a few years followed farming about sixteen miles north of the city. It was while residing at the latter place that he was married to Mrs. Ann Jane (Graham) Dodds, who was likewise a native of County Down, Ireland, born May 27, 1828. She was married there to Alexander Dodds, who died on shipboard in 1850, when they were enroute for the United States. The widow with her one son, William John Dodds, who now lives in Michigan, proceeded alone to Detroit, and she was married shortly afterward to Mr. Lester. In 1855 they removed to Mahaska county, Iowa, and five years later, in 1860, came to Poweshiek county, settling on the farm in Deep River township, which is now the home of their son Alexander. In connection with his farming interests Mr. Lester also operated a threshing machine for many years and became a prosperous and influential resident of his section of the county.

His family numbered five children: David, who was born in 1853 and died in 1897, leaving a widow and five children; Jennie Eliza, who was born October 24, 1854, and became the wife of Samuel Conn, passing away on the 16th of June, 1907, leaving four daughters and two sons; Martha, the wife of M. F. Babb, of Montezuma, who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume; Maggie, the wife of Charles Sanders, of Deep River township; and Alexander C., of this review. The father passed away on the home farm, October 18, 1900, when he had reached the advanced age of eighty-four years. He had long been a member of the United Presbyterian church. The mother is still living with her son Alexander C.

Alexander Charles Lester was reared in the usual manner of farm lads, assisting in the work of plowing, planting and harvesting through the spring and summer seasons, while in the winter months he attended the district schools. He is today the owner of the old homestead farm, to which he has added a forty acre tract, now possessing one hundred and twenty acres, situated on sections 29 and 30, Deep River township. His fields are under a high state of cultivation and each year he gathers good crops.

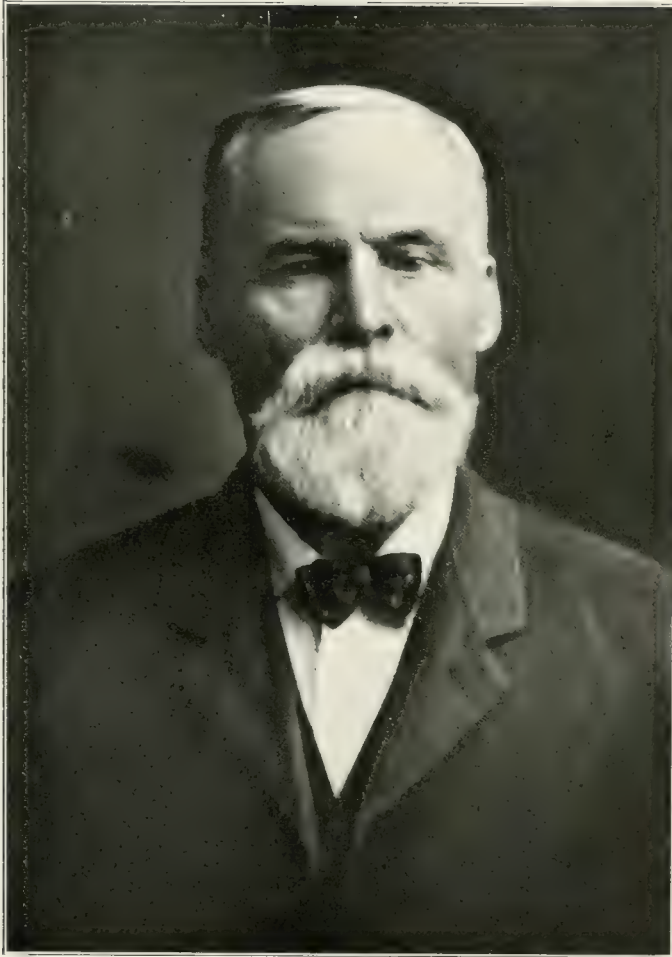
It was on the 3d of March, 1903, that Mr. Lester was married to Mrs. Nora Sanders, the widow of Horace Wade Sanders and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Wolf. She was born in Deep River township, March 14, 1878, and by her first marriage has two children, Ernest E. and Lilly May. By her union with Mr. Lester she has become the mother of three children: Bertha Viola, born January 31, 1904; Hester, born February 22, 1906; and Harry Elsworth, born May 7, 1908.

In politics Mr. Lester is a republican. He is a man of sterling worth and integrity, who conducts his business affairs along the most honorable methods, and his success is well merited.

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### WILLIAM RALPH RUTHERFORD.

For many years the name of Rutherford has been prominently identified with the agricultural development of Poweshiek county, the family continuing to be most capably represented in the person of William Ralph Rutherford, who is engaged in general farming in Grinnell township. He is a native of this county, having been born in Chester township in July, 1885, and is a son of George and Elvina (Harpster) Rutherford, the father a native of New York and the mother of Pennsylvania. George Rutherford, the father, was born in Madrid, St. Lawrence county, New York, on the 14th of September, 1837, his family having migrated from Scotland a few years previously. He was reared and educated in his native state. After attaining manhood he went to Boston, where he remained a year, going from there to Jacksonville, Illinois, where he spent three years, and thence to Missouri for a year. Coming to Poweshiek county in 1870 he felt that he would be content to make this his home, and so bought a farm in Chester township, where he continued to reside for many years. In 1884 Mr. Rutherford was married to Miss Elvina Harpster, who passed away on the 7th of June, 1896. Two children were born of this marriage: William Ralph and Mary Helen. The family attended the Congregational church, with which Mr. Rutherford united by letter when he first located here, which was during the pastorate of Professor S. J. Buck. In 1899 Mr. Rutherford moved to Grinnell, where he continued to reside until September, 1907, when, accompanied by his daughter, he went to Pasadena, California, hoping to find relief from an ailment of the heart which had developed in the previous June, but he contracted pneumonia and passed away on the 15th of November, 1907, being at the time, aged seventy years and two months. His remains were brought back to his old home and laid beside those of his wife. During the long period of his residence here Mr. Rutherford had made many friends. He possessed a rare personality which attracted people, and by means of his fine mental qualities and kindly nature he retained their regard. An earnest, consistent and conscientious Christian, he endeavored by his every act to exemplify Him whom he elected to follow. Success crowned his efforts, and he acquired considerable property and a comfortable competence, which was the result of honest effort and never entailed the sacrifice of personal integrity or another's interests.



GEORGE RUTHERFORD





William Ralph Rutherford was reared upon the old homestead amid the refining influences of a pleasant environment, acquiring his education in the common schools. Early having decided to follow the vocation of farming, upon the completion of his education he assisted his father, later locating upon his homestead, which contains one hundred and eighty acres of fertile land adjacent to Grinnell. Here he engages in general farming and stock-raising and is meeting with gratifying returns from both sources. His is one of the attractive places of the vicinity, the general appearance of the property being given most careful attention, while the residence is one of the best in the county. Mr. Rutherford is an energetic young man, who concentrates his entire time and attention upon the development of his interests, realizing that success in any vocation is the result only of persistent and well directed effort.

In February, 1907, Mr. Rutherford was united in marriage to Miss Minnie M. Nichols, a daughter of Robert Nichols a well known and prosperous farmer of Jasper county, and who, although he is well along in years, is still hale and hearty. Two children have been born of this union: Donald George and Elvina Jewel. The family affiliate with the Presbyterian church and Mr. Rutherford accords his political support to the candidates of the republican party. During the brief period of his active career he has given strong evidence of possessing his father's excellent principles, as well as his business sagacity, and gauging his future by his past it would seem to be most promising.

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#### ANDREW LOUIS COON.

On the list of Poweshiek county's honored dead appears the name of Andrew Louis Coon, who for many years was actively connected with business and agricultural interests here, his success therein enabling him to spend his last years in well merited retirement. He was a native of Ohio, born in Bellefontaine, Logan county, on the 1st of April, 1836. His parents, Jacob and Malinda (Wall) Coon, were born near Fincastle, Virginia, and were there married. Later they removed to Ohio and thence to Indiana, where they passed away in Grant county. He was a farmer by occupation and was a soldier in the war of 1812, serving under Commodore Perry, in whose honor he named his first grandson, Oliver Perry Coon, the eldest son of Andrew Louis Coon. He was a very extensive reader, was especially well posted on the political questions and issues of the day and was an unusually bright and well informed man for his period.

Andrew Louis Coon, who was one of a family of ten children, passed the first ten years of his life in the place of his nativity and then, about 1846, removed with his parents to Grant county, Indiana. He resided on a farm with his parents until 1853, when he went to Lagro, Indiana, and there learned the trade of saddle and harnessmaker. He followed that occupation in Indiana for a number of years and was there married. In 1861 he brought his wife and two children to Brooklyn, making the entire journey with a team and wagon. Upon his arrival here he established a harness shop and continued successfully in business until 1868, devoting the entire period to working at his trade with the exception

of one year, when he was engaged in the operation of a hotel which he had purchased. In 1868, however, he sold the hotel and purchased a farm one mile north of Brooklyn, consisting of one hundred acres, and thereupon he took up his abode. For forty years he gave his entire time and attention to the improvement of that tract, cultivating the cereals best adapted to the soil and climate. He practiced rotation of crops, employed progressive methods in the conduct of his affairs and by wise and judicious management brought his fields to a high state of development. As the years passed he prospered and his well directed efforts were potent forces in the acquirement of a competency which made it possible, in 1908, for him to retire from the farm. In that year he removed to Brooklyn and purchased the comfortable dwelling which is still the family home. He was not long permitted, however, to enjoy the rest which he had so well merited, for two years later he was called from this life, his death occurring on the 1st of December, 1910.

On the 9th of April, 1857, in Indiana, Mr. Coon was united in marriage to Miss Mary C. Parke, who was born in Washington, Warren county, New Jersey, on the 18th of December, 1838. She was there reared and later removed to Indiana with her widowed mother and brother and sister. Her parents were E. M. and Rachel (Hunter) Parke, natives of New Jersey, where the father's death occurred. Elizabeth W. Parke, a sister of Mrs. Coon, was also married in Indiana, becoming the wife of William Forbes, and came to Brooklyn in 1857. Mrs. Parke, with her son John Parke, arrived in Brooklyn in 1861 in company with her daughter Mrs. Coon, in whose home the mother passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Louis Coon celebrated their golden wedding in 1907. They were the parents of ten children, all of whom were born in Brooklyn with the exception of the two eldest, whose births occurred in Indiana. The children are as follows: Oliver Perry is a clothing merchant of Audubon, Iowa. George is a contractor and carpenter of Brooklyn. John F. is engaged in fence building in this city. Louis G. is an inventor of St. Louis. Mary Elizabeth is at home. Charles E. purchased and is now operating the old homestead. Estelle is mentioned below. Dr. Fred Forest, engaged in the practice of osteopathy in Niles, Michigan, served in the Fifty-second Regiment band during the Spanish-American war, leaving his high-school position to enlist. He was re-elected to the same position after returning home and taught for several years. Albert Deacon, a former highschool teacher, is now practicing osteopathy in South Bend, Indiana. Roy E. is studying at the Iowa State University preparatory to becoming a Presbyterian minister. Miss Estelle Coon, to whom we are indebted for the history of her father, is recognized as one of the foremost figures in educational circles of Poweshiek county, within whose borders her entire life has been spent. Her education was received in the public schools of Brooklyn, graduating from the high school in 1891, and for seven years thereafter she was engaged in teaching in District No. 1, Bear Creek township. For a year and a half she was the teacher of District No. 7, this township, after which she taught for six years in the Brooklyn graded school. She resigned from that position, however, upon her election on the democratic ticket to the office of county superintendent of schools in November, 1906. She served in that capacity for two terms, or until January 1, 1911, when she was the demo-

cratic candidate for a third term but was defeated by only forty-nine votes. She was the only democratic candidate who ever held the office of county superintendent of Poweshiek county, where the republican party has a majority of thirteen hundred, a fact which speaks in strong terms for her ability and the position which she occupies in the regard and esteem of her fellow citizens.

Mr. Coon was a liberal supporter of the Presbyterian church, to which his family also belonged, and was a member of the Legion of Honor and the Iowa Workmen. He was a democrat in politics, giving stanch allegiance to the principles of that party and doing all in his power to further its interests in the community, although he never sought nor desired public office as a reward for party fealty. He was a man whose personality commanded the good-will and confidence of his fellowman, and at his death the community lost one of its valued and respected citizens.

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### JACOB R. GWIN.

Nature has been lavish in her gifts to many sections of this great country. In some districts she has provided great forests, permitting of the successful conduct of extensive lumber industries. In other regions her mining resources are extensive and valuable, while in still other sections splendid opportunity is offered to the farmer and stock-raiser. Statistics show that Iowa is one of the greatest agricultural states of the Union, and among those who are actively engaged in farming is Jacob R. Gwin, the owner of one hundred and twenty acres of rich and productive land on section 24, Warren township, Poweshiek county.

His birth occurred in that township on the 13th of August, 1854, his parents being Arnold and Martha (Wilhite) Gwin, who were natives of Holmes county, Ohio, and Fountain county, Indiana, respectively, the former born on the 22d of August, 1822, and the latter on the 10th of September, 1837. Arnold Gwin, a gentleman of German and Welsh descent, followed farming throughout his active business career. He came to Iowa in 1848, locating near Dubuque, where for two years he was employed by the month as a farm hand. Returning to Ohio, he there remained for a year and then located in Washington county, Iowa, where he was married in October, 1853. Subsequently he took up his abode in Warren township, Poweshiek county, here devoting his attention to the operation of his farm, having purchased eighty acres of timber land on section 27. On selling that place in 1855, he purchased a tract of eighty acres on section 25, Warren township, but disposed of the property at the end of two years and bought the farm of eighty acres on section 24 which is now in possession of our subject. Thereon he made his home until called to his final rest on the 12th of January, 1895. When fifty years of age he suffered a paralytic stroke which disabled him for further active labor. The demise of his wife occurred on the 18th of February, 1900. In their family were six children, namely: Jacob R., Louisa J., James M., Phoebe A., Samuel D. and Levina F.



Jacob R. Gwin obtained his early education in an old schoolhouse which stood on the state road in section 25 and which was removed thirty years ago. He was reared to the work of the farm and after his father's demise took charge of the homestead property. When his mother passed away he purchased the interest of the other heirs in the home farm and has since retained possession thereof. In 1896 he extended its boundaries by an additional purchase of forty acres, his holdings now aggregating one hundred and twenty acres of as good farm land as can be found in the county. In connection with the tilling of the soil he devotes considerable attention to the raising and feeding of cattle and hogs, selling his stock to shippers. His excellent orchard of three and a half acres contains over three hundred bearing apple trees.

On the 3d of November, 1903, Mr. Gwin was joined in wedlock to Mrs. Mary M. Fry, a daughter of Peter and Barbara (Niswander) Breniman. She lost her father prior to her marriage to our subject, Mr. Breniman meeting his death on the Northwestern Railway. Mrs. Breniman now resides in Carnforth, Warren township, with her two sons, Oscar and Frank, both of whom are railroad employes. Mary M. Breniman first gave her hand in marriage to William Fry, an agriculturist of Warren township, who died of heart trouble in 1901, falling from his wagon. There were two children by that union, Paul R. and Esther M. Fry, who reside with their mother and stepfather and attend the high school at Victor. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Gwin have also been born two children, namely: Clarence E., whose natal day was August 2, 1904; and Arnold, whose birth occurred on the 19th of March, 1906.

In politics Mr. Gwin is a democrat and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have called him to several positions of public trust. He has served as assessor of Warren township for ten years, acted as township road supervisor for sixteen years and is now serving in the capacity of township trustee, which position he has held for six years. His wife is a devoted and consistent member of the Congregational church at Carnforth, Iowa. Well known in the county where he has resided from his birth to the present time, he has a wide acquaintance here and has won uniform trust and good will by reason of a life which in all of its places has been straightforward and honorable.

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#### CORYDON BARKER.

A resident of Poweshiek county for fifty-seven years, Corydon Barker has had ample opportunity to note the wonderful progress and development it has made since he first located here in 1854. Mr. Barker was born in Grant county, Kentucky, on the 26th of October, 1833, and is a son of James and Sarah (Murray) Barker. The father was a native of New Hampshire, as was the grandfather, Ephraim Barker, but the mother was of Irish extraction, her father having emigrated from the Emerald isle to America. James Barker, who was a carpenter by trade, removed from Kentucky to Ohio, locating upon a farm which he cultivated while following his trade. He continued to reside in that state until October, 1854, when he came to Iowa, settling upon one hundred and



thirty-four acres of government land which he purchased in Deep River and Lincoln townships, Poweshiek county. This he cleared and placed under cultivation gradually while engaging in carpenter work, having built many of the school-houses as well as residences in this county. Mr. and Mrs. Barker were the parents of seven children, four boys and three girls.

The elementary education of Corydon Barker was obtained in the common schools of Ohio, after which he was sent to a private school in Virginia. When he laid aside his school books he worked at the carpenter's trade in Virginia for a time and then returned to Ohio, where he lived upon his father's farm until 1854, when he came to Poweshiek county, Iowa. The trip from McCallsville, Morgan county, Ohio, was made with horses and wagon, several weeks having been consumed in the journey. Oftentimes the roads were little more than wagon tracks across the prairie. He bought eighty acres of land in Lincoln township upon his arrival in this county, where he has ever since continued to reside. In 1863 Mr. Barker responded to the call for troops and enlisted in Company E, Eleventh Iowa Infantry, with which he went to the front. He spent considerable time in South Carolina, where he participated in some sharp skirmishes, later being sent to Fort McAllister, where he was taken ill. He joined his company again at Charleston, where they charged the fort. Later he was with Sherman's army on their famous march and was mustered out at Davenport on the 10th of May, 1864. He was in Keokuk on the day Lincoln was assassinated. At the close of hostilities Mr. Barker returned to his farm, where he is now living retired, his son having relieved him of the responsibilities connected with the cultivation of his property. He always engaged in general farming but made a specialty of the breeding and raising of Chester White and Poland China hogs and shorthorn Durham cattle. For fifty-five years and more Mr. Barker practiced in veterinary surgery, which he studied in New York city, during a large portion of that time being the only practitioner in his community.

On the 10th of March, 1856, Mr. Barker was married to Miss Jane Grier, a daughter of James and Jemina (Brown) Grier. The father was a native of North Ireland and the mother of Pennsylvania, although of Irish extraction, her father having been born on the Emerald isle. Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Barker's mother, had the distinction of being a cousin of Robert Fulton, the inventor of the steamboat. Four children, three daughters and a son, were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Barker: Lucy D. is the wife of Rean Criswell, of Deep River, where he engages in mercantile pursuits and they have one son, Truesdale, who is married and has a daughter, Doris, who is three years of age. Emma Jeannette married George Woodford, of Deep River, who has been a very successful farmer, and they have two children, Ethel, and Bert. Cora D. married James Athey, a farmer in Lincoln township. James William, who is operating the old home-stand, married Charity Newton, of Morgan county, Ohio.

Ever since attaining his majority Mr. Barker has cast his vote for the candidates of the republican party. He has served as trustee, school director and constable in Lincoln township, and his father was for many years a member of the board of supervisors of Poweshiek county. Mr. Barker remembers well that when Lincoln ran for president the first time there were but twenty-two votes cast in the township which bears the name of the Great Emancipator. While

living in Virginia he joined the Masonic fraternity, with which he continues to be identified through his membership in Golden Rod Lodge, No. 128, and he keeps in close relationship with his comrades of the war through the medium of the Deep River Post, No. 142, G. A. R. The methods of living have changed most wonderfully since Mr. Barker first became a resident of Iowa, the pioneer conditions which then existed having given way before the onward march of civilization, which has brought this county to the fore both as an agricultural community and educational center.

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### MAYNARD E. SEARS.

More than fifty years have passed since Maynard E. Sears, whose name stands at the head of this review, arrived in Poweshiek county, Iowa, and during a large part of that time he has been engaged in farming. He has also been identified with other lines of business, but it is to agriculture and stock-raising that he mainly owes his prosperity. He is a native of Oneida county, New York, and was born December 1, 1852, being a son of Elijah and Ruth (Wetmore) Sears. The father was born in Connecticut and the mother in New York. The former was taken to New York state at the age of two years, and after attaining his majority was married to Miss Ruth Wetmore. He learned the trades of plasterer and mason and, having heard of the possibilities of the great west, arranged to come to Iowa with J. B. Grinnell, one of the earliest settlers of Poweshiek county. However, this plan was interfered with by the death of Mrs. Sears, when the subject of this review was six years of age, and Mr. Sears did not arrive in this county until May 10, 1860. He worked at Grinnell for many years and later engaged in farming.

Maynard E. Sears was the seventh in a family of nine children. He received his preliminary education in the schools of Grinnell and the district schools of the county. He took up his residence on section 10, Chester township, in 1868, and in 1875 bought an interest in a threshing machine, which he assisted in operating for a number of years, disposing of his interest in 1886. He then devoted his attention to farming, but in December, 1896, started a store at Chester Center, which he managed for several years, at the same time, however, being identified with farming and stock-raising. He owns a beautiful place of two hundred and eighty acres and engages in general farming, applying up-to-date methods, which produce gratifying annual returns.

On September 16, 1885, Mr. Sears was united in marriage to Miss Alice M. Koester, a daughter of Martin Koester, who was born in Denmark. The father was a carpenter by trade. After taking up his residence in the United States he enlisted in the Civil war, serving valiantly in an Iowa regiment. He died March 19, 1904. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Sears: Lloyd C., who is living on a farm near his father's place; Homer A., who is a graduate of Grinnell Academy, and is now a student of Grinnell College; Lois E., also a student of Grinnell College; and Mary E., who is attending the district school.

In politics Mr. Sears adheres to the democratic party and is an ardent supporter of the principles enunciated by William J. Bryan. He was a member of the Congregational church at Chester Center until 1903, since which time he has been connected with the Methodist Episcopal church at Sonora. He takes great interest in education, as is shown by the excellent facilities possessed by his children. Mrs. Sears is also a sincere advocate of education, having been for several years a successful teacher prior to her marriage. Their home is a welcome gathering place for friends and acquaintances, and their genuine worth is recognized by the entire community. The business record of Mr. Sears is most creditable and his success may be attributed to an enterprising and hopeful spirit, which is one of his prominent characteristics.

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#### EDWIN H. TALBOTT.

Edwin H. Talbott, assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Brooklyn, is a representative of a family whose name has been identified with Poweshiek county since the very beginning of its history, the family being the first to locate within its borders with the exception of a few in the southern part of the county. His grandparents, John J. and Mary (Maxwell) Talbott, came to Iowa in the fall of 1845, first settling in Jefferson county, but on the 7th of April, 1846, they came to this locality, two years before Poweshiek county was formed. Mr. Talbott located on section 13, in the eastern part of what later became Bear Creek township, and here erected a log house, which he conducted as the Talbott Tavern. It was one mile east of the present site of Brooklyn and was the first stage stop west of Marengo. This district at that time was all a barren waste, covered with native grasses and inhabited only by Indians and buffaloes, and the claim of Mr. Talbott was staked out before the land had been surveyed by the government. The first postoffice was established at his tavern in 1849, and his eldest son, Joshua C., was appointed the first postmaster. His death was the first in the township, occurring on the 20th of February, 1849, and he was survived by his wife and fourteen children.

Bazil Maxwell Talbott, son of John T. Talbott and father of our subject, was born in Holmes county, Ohio, on the 23d of October, 1843, and was therefore but a little lad of two years when he came with his parents to Iowa. Here he was reared, and he had not yet reached his twentieth year when, on the 14th of August, 1862, he responded to the country's call for aid and enlisted for service in the Civil war. On the 10th of October following he was mustered into Company H, Twenty-eighth Iowa Volunteer Infantry—known as "Brooklyn Sharpshooters"—with the rank of eighth corporal, and on November 1 was transported to Helena, Arkansas. From there his company marched to Oakland, Mississippi, under General Harvey, to reinforce General Grant, and in January, 1863, he participated in the White River expedition. On the 29th of March of that year his company began the march toward Vicksburg, arriving at Port Gibson on the 30th of April. On the following day, May 1, occurred the battle of Port Gibson at Thompson Hill, in which Mr. Talbott participated, and



he was also present at the engagement at Edward's Station on the 13th of May. He took part in the battle of Champion's Hill on the 16th, after which he marched with his company to the Big Black river and thence to the rear of Vicksburg. At the siege of that city his company was a part of General McClernand's corps, which led the van of Grant's army, and during the siege occupied a position in the center of the left wing of the army. On the 15th of June, 1863, during the engagement at Vicksburg, he was wounded in the left breast and arm, and being thus incapacitated for further duty at the front, served as guard at the Rock Island arsenal and prison until the close of the war. He received his honorable discharge on the 7th of November, 1864, and returned home with the most creditable military record. After returning to civil pursuits he established a land office in 1866, engaged in surveying and also served as notary public. In 1869 he entered into a business partnership with D. R. Sterling, which relation continued until the death of Mr. Sterling in 1910, and during that period they engaged, at different times, in the land, drug, book, lumber and banking business. In April 1873, they established lumber yards and in 1872 organized the Sterling & Talbott Private Bank, which, in 1885, became the First National Bank. Of this concern Mr. Talbott is now president and under his careful management and wise control it has continued to grow until today it ranks among the safe and substantial moneyed institutions of the county. It has a capital of fifty thousand dollars and a surplus of thirty-five thousand dollars. Coming to this district ere Poweshiek county had been organized, Basil M. Talbott has watched the vast stretches of wild prairie land converted into one of the finest regions of the great commonwealth of Iowa, has seen its cities spring up and has witnessed each step made in the onward march of civilization here, and in this work of transformation and improvement he has borne his share. He was postmaster of Brooklyn from 1870 until 1873, and in 1874 was elected to the office of mayor of the city. He belongs to the Methodist church and fraternally is connected with the Masons and the Odd Fellows.

Basil M. Talbott was married, at Brooklyn, on the 12th of May, 1866, to Miss Sarah J. Ashton, and unto them have been born nine children, namely: Albert B., vice president of the First National Bank of Brooklyn; Charles D., of Los Angeles, California; Edwin H.; Effie E., the wife of Dr. F. F. Coon, of Niles, Michigan; Lena E., who married Dr. C. E. Shifflett, of Los Angeles; and Ada, Frederick, Jennie and William, all four of whom passed away in infancy. Since 1876 the family have had a comfortable and attractive home in Brooklyn, and since 1883 Mr. Talbott and his wife have spent the winter seasons in Los Angeles, California, where, in 1909, he built a new home and intends making that his future residence.

Edwin H. Talbott, whose name introduces this review, was born in Brooklyn on the 12th of May, 1871, and has made his home here continuously. He acquired his education in the schools of this city. He was then employed, for about two years, in a jewelry store here, after which he went to Chicago, where he pursued a six months' course in a trade school. Returning to his native city, he here entered trade circles on his own account, establishing a jewelry business in 1893, which he conducted continuously for thirteen years. In 1897 he extended his efforts to include the drug business and in both lines was ac-



corded a patronage which, constantly expanding, established his position among the leading and well known merchants of this city. Since March, 1904, he has been employed by the First National Bank, of which his father was one of the organizers. The other officers are: B. M. Talbott, president; A. B. Talbott, vice president; and N. H. Wright, cashier. Mr. Talbott is deeply interested in the affairs of the institution with which he is identified, and in the performance of his duties in connection therewith is exhibiting the same sound judgment, keen discrimination and close application that has characterized his efforts in the conduct of his mercantile enterprise.

Edwin H. Talbott was married on the 29th of November, 1893, to Miss Florence Snyder, who was born near Brooklyn on the 20th of January, 1874. She is a daughter of J. M. and Armentia (Cain) Snyder, who resides in Brooklyn. Mr. and Mrs. Talbott have one daughter, Faith Gretchen.

The political allegiance of Mr. Talbott is given to the republican party, and for one year he served as city clerk. Aside from this, however, he has never held nor desired public office. For the past twenty-five years he has been a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and he also belongs to the Masonic body, the teachings and principles of these organizations proving the guiding influences in a life which has ever been characterized by high ideals and noble purposes. In the latter he is identified with Corinthian Lodge, No. 174, A. F. & A. M., of Brooklyn; Hysop Chapter, No. 50, R. A. M., of Malcom; Alpha Council, No. 1, R. & S. M., of Des Moines; and Oriental Commandery, No. 26, K. T., of Newton, Iowa. He has proven himself a worthy representative of an honored pioneer family and in whatever relation of life we find him, whether in public, business or social affairs, he is always the same honorable and honored gentleman, who well merits the high regard which is uniformly given him.

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### ELI HORN.

Eli Horn operates a well improved farm of two hundred and eighty acres, which is a part of the old homestead farm, and he is also serving as president of the What Cheer Savings Bank. He was born on his present farm in Deep River township, March 31, 1870, a son of Henry and Harriet (Wildasin) Horn, the former born in Germany and the latter in Pennsylvania in 1830. The father was left an orphan at an early age and was thus compelled to make his own way in the world. He was married in Pennsylvania to Miss Wildasin, and in 1869 they made their way to the middle west, locating first in Wilton Junction, Iowa. In the spring of 1870 they removed to a farm in Deep River township and the father at once began to improve and cultivate his land and as time passed he added to his original holdings until he became the owner of four hundred acres in Poweshiek county. He was also one of the original directors of the What Cheer Savings Bank and was a man who always bore a high reputation among his neighbors and friends. He died in the faith of the Grace Reformed church, in 1898, at the age of sixty years. His wife survived him for

a few years and was called to her final rest in June, 1910, when she had reached an advanced age. Their family numbered four sons and one daughter, as follows: Albert, a wholesale grocer of Des Moines, Iowa; William H., who lives on a part of the homestead farm; Eli, of this review; Mary, the wife of John Jennings, who resides near Tilton, Iowa; and Charles, who is manager of the U. P. Tea Store at Council Bluffs.

Eli Horn was reared on the farm which has always been his home and he began his early education in the district schools near his father's home, later pursuing a business course in the Oskaloosa Business College, while two years were spent in study at the academy in Wilton Junction. After completing his education he engaged in teaching in the district schools for four years but chose as his life work the occupation to which he had been reared. He now operates two hundred and eighty acres of his father's estate, this land being located on section 33, Deep River township. He makes a close study of the soil and crops, adheres to a systematic rule of crop rotation, and his labors have resulted in success. Mr. Horn is a prominent man in many ways. He has always been a hard worker but has found time to fill the office of president of the What Cheer Savings Bank for the past ten years. He manifests a lively interest in this institution and is ever ready to do what he can to advance its interests and provide for its needs.

Mr. Horn was married in 1907 to Miss Sadie Moore, a native of Keokuk county, Iowa, and a daughter of James and Sarah Moore. Their home has been blessed with an interesting son and daughter, Raymond E. and Lelah.

Mr. Horn is a staunch supporter of the principles of the republican party but has never taken a politician's interest, as his time and attention are fully occupied with his personal affairs. He is a man well known in various sections of the county and is fully sustaining the reputation that was always borne by his honored father.

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### GEORGE M. HOLLINGSWORTH.

It is a difficult task to offer a fitting memorial to the life and accomplishments of such a man as George M. Hollingsworth. Remarkable in the breadth of his wisdom and in his indomitable perseverance and his strong individuality, he was yet one whose entire life had not one esoteric phase, being an open scroll, inviting the closest scrutiny. A residence of forty-seven years in the county made him well and favorably known and his death, which occurred on the 8th of March, 1910, was therefore the occasion of deep sorrow to his many friends. He was born in Morrow county, Ohio, March 29, 1840, a son of Abner and Nancy (Coleman) Hollingsworth, who were natives of Pennsylvania and of German descent. They became residents of Ohio and reared to maturity four sons and three daughters. The mother died in the Buckeye state and the father passed away while on a visit to Iowa. They were prosperous farming people of Ohio.



MR. AND MRS. GEORGE M. HOLLINGSWORTH





George M. Hollingsworth was reared in the state of his nativity and there acquired his education in the common schools. He remained under the parental roof until he attained his majority and soon afterward, the Civil war having been inaugurated, he enlisted on the 2d of October, 1862, as a member of Company F, Forty-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He served at the front until August, 1863, when he was honorably discharged. He came to Iowa in the same year and here engaged in farming. However, he returned to Ohio for the winter but in the following spring (1864) came again to Poweshiek county, making the overland journey. He purchased forty acres of land in Deep River township, located one mile west of Deep River. A few years later he added to his original purchase an eighty acre tract, and later on another tract of forty acres, while by another purchase he added forty acres more, which then made him the possessor of two hundred acres. He improved his farm with good buildings and placed the fields under a high state of cultivation and on this farm property he spent many useful and prosperous years. In the later years of his life, however, he was in poor health and this led him to spend fifteen years in retirement in a pleasant home in Deep River. He retained possession of his farm, however, until just prior to his demise, when he disposed of the land.

Mr. Hollingsworth was married, April 27, 1867, to Miss Fannie Correll, who was born in Connellsville, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, March 25, 1840, a daughter of William W. and Rosanna (Gearhart) Correll, who were likewise natives of the Keystone state. In 1844, when the daughter was but four years of age, the parents came to Iowa, making the journey to Burlington by boat. During the voyage the boat on which they were passengers, was sunk but Mr. Correll and his family escaped. He was a mason by trade and during the winter of 1844 worked in and around Burlington at this occupation. His wife died in Louisa county, leaving three children. In 1851 the family came to Poweshiek county and the father bought a claim in Deep River township, which he improved and cultivated for many years. He was married a second time and by that marriage there were six children. He spent his last years with his daughters, Mrs. Icimbice and Mrs. Hollingsworth, and died August 22, 1900, at the home of the latter in Deep River.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hollingsworth were born seven children: Mary E., the wife of Edwin A. Flint, a resident of Deep River township; William Abner, who owns a claim near Haswell, Colorado, and is engaged in teaching school; Etta L., the wife of Rev. G. H. Hanawalt, who is a Methodist Episcopal minister now located in New Sharon, Iowa; Lloyd, a resident of Deep River township; George Roy and Rolla Francis, twins, the former an electrician of Chicago, and the latter residing on a fruit ranch in Montana and also installing electrical plants, being an electrician; and James, who owns a small farm in Deep River township and is also a carrier on the rural delivery route.

Mrs. Hollingsworth engaged in teaching for several years prior to her marriage, receiving her first certificate from Professor L. F. Parker, who is editor of the historical volume of this work. She began earning her livelihood when only eleven years of age and later became one of the successful teachers of the county. She is better known today throughout the county as "Fannie

Correll" than she is by her married name. She is now one of the oldest settlers of Deep River, having lived here for sixty years.

Mr. Hollingsworth in early life voted the democratic ticket but in his later years supported the men and measures of the prohibition party. The only public positions he ever filled were school and road offices. His religious faith was indicated by his membership in the Presbyterian church and for twenty-six years he was an elder in the church. In the last years of his life, owing to ill health, he was obliged to largely withdraw from activity in church and business affairs but he ever lived in harmony with his professions and one who knew him well said of him "he was an exemplary Christian." He enjoyed the companionship of his old comrades in the Civil war through his membership in the Grand Army post at Deep River. Quiet and unassuming in manner, he found his greatest social enjoyment at his own fireside in the companionship of his family and friends and it is there that his loss is most deeply felt.

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#### LOUIS D. KEMMERER.

Louis D. Kemmerer, the mayor of Grinnell, conducts an extensive business as a dealer in vehicles, marketing his buggies all over the United States. His birth occurred in Ackley, Iowa, on the 2d of July, 1872, his parents being Edward and Amanda (Cramer) Kemmerer, who were natives of Pennsylvania and Canada respectively. Their marriage was celebrated in Parkersburg, Iowa, to which place they had removed with their respective parents, both the Kemmerer and Cramer families settling in Butler county on coming to this state about 1850. Edward Kemmerer became associated with railroad work early in life and for twenty-three years prior to his demise acted as agent for the Iowa Central Railway at Grinnell. His death occurred here on the 24th of June, 1904, when he had attained the age of sixty years. His widow still survives and makes her home with our subject.

Louis D. Kemmerer was reared under the parental roof and pursued the prescribed course of study in the Grinnell high school, while subsequently he spent three years as a student at Grinnell College. He next entered the Iowa State University at Iowa City and in 1892 was graduated from that institution with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. Following his graduation he accepted the position of collector for the Spaulding Manufacturing Company, his work taking him from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast. He acted in that capacity for about ten years and on the expiration of that period embarked in business on his own account as a retail dealer in vehicles, having conducted an enterprise of this character continuously since. He markets his buggies all over the United States, his salesmen covering the country from coast to coast.

In 1902 Mr. Kemmerer was united in marriage to Miss Ora Warnock, of Magnolia, Arkansas. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and his fellow townsmen have honored him with positions of public trust and responsibility. For one year he was a member of the town council and in 1900 was elected mayor of Grinnell, in which capacity he is now serving. His adminis-

tration has been characterized by many measures of reform and improvement and has won uniform approval. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, belonging to Herman Lodge, No. 273, A. F. & A. M.; Palestine Chapter, No. 101, R. A. M.; and Oriental Commandery, No. 22, K. T., of Newton, Iowa. He is also a member of Grinnell Lodge, No. 175, K. P., and Hardy Camp of the Modern Woodmen of America, while his wife is a devoted and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Kemmerer stands foremost in his community as one of its leading and influential citizens and is a man honored and esteemed wherever known.

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### LEWIS CAPEHART.

Lewis Capehart may be classed among the pioneer settlers of Deep River township, for he has made his home here since 1855. He owns a fine tract of eighty-three acres adjoining the village of Tilton and here conducts a general store and is also postmaster. He was born in Belmont county, Ohio, March 22, 1849, a son of Andrew and Letitia (Briggs) Capehart, who were both natives of Pennsylvania. They were married in the Keystone state, after which they removed to Ohio and there spent a few years prior to their removal to Poweshiek county in 1855. They located on a farm one mile north of where the town of Tilton now stands and here the father engaged in farming throughout the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1894, when he had reached the venerable age of eighty years. His wife survived for only a year and departed this life in 1895 at the age of eighty years. Their children, five in number, are: Mary, the widow of David Evans, a resident of Thornburg; George, who makes his home in Guthrie Center, Iowa; John, who served in the Civil war as a member of Company C, Twenty-eighth Iowa Infantry, and died at the Soldiers' Home in Marshalltown, August 24, 1910; Elizabeth, the wife of Israel James, of Thornburg, Iowa; and Lewis, of this review.

Lewis Capehart was a little lad of six years when he accompanied his parents on their removal from Ohio to Poweshiek county. He acquired his education in the district schools near his father's home and assisted in the work of the farm through the periods of vacation. He remained at home until 1884, when the Northwestern Railroad was built through that section of the county and the town of Tilton was laid out, when he undertook the management of a merchandise and grain business for Cox & Cochran of Deep River. His time was thus employed for two years, after which he spent a similar period with Ed Flint in the management and conduct of a general store. He then entered the employ of Smith & Emmons, proprietors of a hardware, grain and lumber business at Tilton. In 1899, under the administration of President McKinley, Mr. Capehart was appointed postmaster of Tilton, and at that time he also opened a general mercantile establishment, which he has conducted to the present time. He has built up an excellent trade in this line, his patrons coming from many miles around, while in the discharge of his official duties he is giving the utmost satisfaction. He owns a good tract of land comprising eighty-three acres on sec-

tion 34, Deep River township, on which stands a comfortable residence and good outbuildings, his place adjoining the town limits of Tilton.

Mr. Capehart was married December 24, 1868, to Miss Mary E. McBurney, who was born July 17, 1850, in Lee county, Illinois, and was brought to Poweshiek county during her childhood days by her parents, Thomas and Catharine McBurney, who were natives of Pennsylvania. They are now both deceased, having passed away in Poweshiek county. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Capehart has been blessed with six daughters and two sons, namely: Viola, the wife of a Mr. Regon, of Aberdeen, South Dakota; Arthur, a resident of Ringgold county, Iowa; Mary Ella, the wife of John Shull, of Wisconsin; Amanda, the wife of Charles Clarahan, who is postoffice inspector in Boston, Massachusetts; Maude, the wife of Joseph Harris, a resident of Miller, South Dakota; Inez, the wife of Clark Minor, who lives in Keokuk county, three miles east of Tilton; Harland, a resident of Montana; and Catharine, the wife of John McCulley, of Keokuk county, Iowa.

Mr. Capehart is a democrat in his political affiliations, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is now serving as a trustee. He is a Mason of high rank, having attained the thirty-second degree. He belongs to Perfect Union Lodge, No. 277, at Thornburg; to the chapter at What Cheer; the commandery at Oskaloosa; and to the consistory and Mystic Shrine at Davenport. He was made a Mason twenty-eight years ago and is a prominent member of the craft. He also holds membership relations with the Eastern Star lodge at Thornburg. When Mr. Capehart came here in his childhood days, the nearest neighbor of the family was five miles distant. He has lived to see the village of Tilton laid out and has seen it flourish, while the country round about has become thickly settled with a contented and prosperous people. He is well known as a pioneer of this section and as a most industrious and useful man, whose probity is an unquestioned element in his career. His time has often been at the service of his community and he has gained the love and respect of all among whom he has lived and labored.

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#### CHRISTIAN D. BRENIMAN.

The name of Breniman is well known to the residents of Brooklyn and Poweshiek county, the family having been established in this locality as early as 1855, since which time representatives of the name have borne an important part in the development of the district along agricultural lines. The family is of Swiss origin, Christian D. Breniman having been born in Switzerland, about four miles from the city of Berne, on the 29th of August, 1836. His parents were Christian and Barbara (Durig) Breniman, also natives of Switzerland, who brought their family to the United States in 1852, locating first in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, and three years later, in the spring of 1855, they arrived in Poweshiek county, Iowa. The family home was established about four miles southeast of Brooklyn, and there the father engaged in general farming for a number of years. He passed away on the old homestead in 1874, at the



age of sixty-two years, and his wife survived until 1897, her death occurring when she was eighty-two years old.

Their family of ten children included the following: Christian D., of this review; Fred, who enlisted from Poweshiek county and served throughout the last three years of the Civil war as a member of Company H, Twenty-eighth Iowa Infantry, and who is now deceased, his death occurring in Grinnell in 1908; Rudolph, of Fort Collins, Colorado, who also enlisted in Company H, Twenty-eighth Iowa Infantry, serving as drummer boy; Rosina, who wedded Myron Whitney and passed away in 1905; Margaret, the wife of Edward McVeigh, a resident of Nebraska, who enlisted from Poweshiek county as a soldier of the Fourth Iowa Cavalry; Mary, the wife of Charles Wootters, of Cleveland, Ohio, who likewise enlisted from this county in the Tenth Iowa Infantry; Gottlieb, of Brooklyn, mentioned elsewhere in this volume; Eliza, who married Chris Mohr, of Brooklyn; Arnold, of California; and John, a resident of Fort Collins. All of this number, with the exception of the last named, were born in Switzerland, and all lived to rear families of their own. At one time they were all located on farms south of Brooklyn, where the sons owned about twenty-five hundred acres all in one body, and the locality became known throughout the district as the Breniman settlement.

Christian D. Breniman acquired his education in the schools of the fatherland and was a lad of sixteen years when he crossed the Atlantic with his parents. Since his arrival in Poweshiek county in 1855 he has never been outside its limits for any length of time except once in 1863, when he went abroad for the purpose of visiting his old home in Switzerland. When old enough to enter business on his own account he wisely chose the occupation of farming as his life work, and for many years was considered one of the most substantial and prosperous agriculturists of Lincoln township. He and his brothers all became very well-to-do, for in the conduct of their affairs they not only exhibited the sturdy traits of industry, perseverance and thrift so characteristic of the German race but also the spirit of progress and enterprise which has come to be recognized as the dominant American force. They followed the most practical and up-to-date methods in the cultivation of their fields, erected fine large buildings and introduced all of the modern equipment for facilitating farm labor, and with the passing of the years the section known as Breniman's settlement became one of the most valuable and desirable properties in the county. Christian D. Breniman became the owner of over three hundred acres of finely developed farm land, and he continued in the successful operation of his fields until about five years ago, when he retired from business with a handsome fortune and took up his residence in Brooklyn.

It was in 1867 that Mr. Breniman was united in marriage to Miss J. Annah Pierce, a native of Connecticut, born on the 21st of May, 1845. Her parents were H. F. and Julia (Wilson) Pierce, also natives of Connecticut, who came west in 1854, locating first in Illinois, while ten years later, in 1864, they arrived in Iowa. Mr. Pierce was a master of the Grange here and became very well known throughout Poweshiek county. He and his wife both passed away in Kansas two years ago when about ninety years of age. In their family were four children, as follows: Annah, who became Mrs. Breniman; Frank, the

county clerk of Kearney county, Kansas, residing in Lakin, who was also at one time county auditor of Poweshiek county and was a student of Iowa College; William, a resident physician of Clayton, Kansas, who was also a student of Iowa College; and Minnie, the deceased wife of Rudolph Breniman, a brother of Christian D. Breniman, her death occurring in 1896.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Breniman were born seven children, namely: Bertha, a graduate of Iowa College at Grinnell, now engaged in teaching in South Dakota; Irene, who was also engaged in teaching for about twenty years in Iowa and Nebraska prior to her marriage to Ira McMullen, of Brooklyn; Elbridge, a physician of Ackley, Iowa, and a graduate of Rush Medical College; Fannie, who was graduated from Iowa College at Grinnell and engaged in teaching for the past eighteen years but passed away on the 25th of May, 1911. Marie, who was a nurse in the Methodist Episcopal Hospital at Des Moines for a year and a half, and is a graduate of the Deaconess Training School of Chicago; Edward, who was educated at the State Normal School at Cedar Falls and is now operating his father's farm; and Virginia, living at home.

Mr. Breniman owns an attractive home on Des Moines street, Brooklyn, and the hospitality of his home is enjoyed by a large circle of friends. He belongs to the Moravian church, which the Breniman family was instrumental in establishing here, being the largest contributors to its building fund. This church was built by the family in Warren township and was the first country church built in the county, being erected in 1809. In politics he voted with the republican party until the election of Grover Cleveland, since which time he has given his support to the democracy. He held all of the offices in Lincoln township and during his residence there was recognized as one of its most prominent and influential citizens. Since coming to Brooklyn, however, he has led a quiet life, content to leave to others the active duties of citizenship, and now, having reached the seventy-fifth milestone on life's journey, he is enjoying the fruits of a success that is most substantial and well merited.

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### HARRISON I. DAVIS.

Shortly after the Civil war Harrison I. Davis arrived in Poweshiek county and for nearly forty-five years he has been connected with the development of the county. He was a valiant soldier for the Union when the life of the republic was assailed and he has been a patriotic, energetic and progressive citizen. A successful business man, he now enjoys in peace and comfort the rewards of many years of application.

He was born in Chenango county, New York, February 19, 1840, and is a son of Isaac and Phebe (Gray) Davis. The father was a native of New York state, while the mother's family were from Massachusetts. Isaac Davis was a mechanic but turned his attention to farming and in 1852 took up his residence in Bureau county, Illinois. In 1866 he came to Poweshiek county, Iowa, and settled on a farm in section 25, Sheridan township, where he continued until his death, which occurred July 2, 1878. Politically he was originally



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an old line whig but after the organization of the republican party gave to it his support. The mother died at Grinnell, May 25, 1898, on the ninety-second anniversary of her birth.

Harrison I. Davis received his early education in the common schools of New York and Illinois and began his business career by working upon an Illinois farm. Just as he was fairly started, the country was overshadowed by the great rebellion, and, like thousands of patriotic young men, he offered his services in support of the stars and stripes. He became a member of Company K, Ninety-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry, enlisting at Princeton, Bureau county, Illinois. The regiment served under General Grant in the Mississippi campaign and also at Vicksburg, and after the fall of that city was transferred to the Fifteenth Army Corps under General Sherman. Mr. Davis enlisted as a private but was made lieutenant, serving in that capacity until hostilities ceased. He participated in Sherman's march to the sea and also in the grand review at Washington, serving in all for two years and eleven months. He took part in the Vicksburg campaign and the battles of Chattanooga and Champion's Hill, his company losing fifty per cent of its number and his regiment one-third. The official record of the regiment shows that Lieutenant Davis was kept busily employed. He was in command of the company from May 16, 1863, to July 4, 1863, during the battles and siege of Vicksburg. On November 1, 1863, he was assigned to command Company I, serving in this capacity until November 21, and on November 25 he was assigned to Company F in the battle of Missionary Ridge. In this engagement Adjutant H. G. Hicks was severely wounded and Lieutenant Davis was assigned to duty as acting adjutant of the regiment, serving in this capacity until April 19, 1864, when he was assigned to command Company H, guarding a railroad bridge at Lime Stone Creek, between Huntsville and Decatur, Alabama. At Savannah, Georgia, December 29, 1864, he was detailed to command the Division Escort Company at the headquarters of the Third Division, Fifteenth Army Corps. He was in command of his company through the Carolina campaign until April 26, 1864, and at Raleigh, North Carolina, April 28, 1864, was detailed to act as regimental quartermaster, serving in this capacity on the march to Richmond, Virginia, and Washington, D. C. When the Ninety-third Illinois Regiment was mustered out at Louisville, Kentucky, June 23, 1865, the books and records of the regiment were placed in charge of Lieutenant Davis and he delivered them to the chief mustering officer at Chicago. Lieutenant Colonel Nick C. Boswell of the Ninety-third Illinois Regiment concludes a notation of Lieutenant Davis with the following highly commendatory words: "In all the many responsible positions Lieutenant Harrison I. Davis was called upon to fill during his service in the army he everywhere and at all times proved himself to be an officer of marked ability. In battle prompt and brave; on the march active and attentive to duty; at all times a cheerful, pleasant gentleman, who did not fail to win the esteem of all associates."

After laying aside the uniform and accoutrements of war, Mr. Davis applied himself to farming in Poweshiek county, Iowa, until 1894. He removed to Grinnell in 1884 and has ever since made his home in this city. In addition to his farming interests he associated with H. E. Roberts in the conduct

of a grain elevator and lumberyard at Ripley, Iowa, from 1896 to 1909, the business proving highly profitable.

On the 20th of December, 1866, Mr. Davis was united in marriage to Miss Emily E. Trimble, of Princeton, Illinois, a daughter of Mathew and Lydia (Thatcher) Trimble, both of whom were natives of Clinton county, Ohio. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Davis, namely: Dwight E., who is now deceased; Harry L., who is married and is now engaged in the grocery business at Oskaloosa; Darline, who attended the Conservatory of Music at Grinnell and married V. G. Preston, now engaged in the clothing business at Grinnell; Mark G., deceased; Glen T., now engaged in farming at Butte, Nebraska; Edith, who married William Mores, who is engaged in the clothing business at Manhatten, Montana; Buren T., deceased; and Wilbur C., a graduate of Grinnell College, who is now at Butte, Montana.

Mr. Davis is a valued member of Gordan Granger Post, No. 64, G. A. R., and his wife is a member of the Christian church. Politically, he is an earnest adherent of the republican party, being known as a "stand pat" republican and he has always taken great interest in politics. He was the first township clerk of Sheridan township, being elected in 1867, also served as trustee and member of the county board of supervisors, and was a member of the city council of Grinnell for three terms. He has through life represented advanced lines of thought and effort and has generally been found in the thick of the battle. He has never shirked responsibility and having once entered upon any undertaking he has almost invariably carried it through to a successful conclusion. He belongs to that class of men who are natural leaders, and of him it may truly be said that in the course of a long and useful life he has always attempted to perform his duty.

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### JOHN McMILLAN.

Nature seems to have intended that man should enjoy a period of rest in the evening of life. In youth one is filled with hope and enthusiasm, in mature years his energy and determination are tempered by sound judgment and experience and therefore, if he is persistent in his labors, success will attend him and then when the evening shadows fall he will find it possible to enjoy a period of rest from labor. Such has been the history of John McMillan, who, although now living retired, was for a number of years one of the active and energetic farmers of Poweshiek county.

He was born in Vermont, September 27, 1838, and has back of him an ancestry honorable and distinguished. His parents were Andrew and Emily U. (Dana) McMillan, the former born in Maine and the latter in Vermont. The mother is descended from the well known Dana family of the east and traced her ancestry back to King Louis XIV, of France. In the line of descent also appears the name of Israel Putnam, the noted general of the Revolutionary war.

The entire life of Andrew McMillan was spent in the east. He attended West Point Military Academy, being graduated from that institution with the class of which Major Anderson, the defender of Fort Sumter, was also a member. For a time he conducted a general store and later became interested in farm lands. He served as county surveyor for forty years up to the time of his death and was also called upon by his fellowmen to represent his district in the state senate. He became a well known engineer in the east and was appointed chairman of the engineering corps that drew the boundary line between Maine and New Brunswick. In 1853 he received an offer to come west with J. B. Grinnell to assist in building the city of Grinnell, Iowa, but declined, preferring to remain in the east. He passed away in 1875, honored, respected and loved by all who knew him. He was a good father, a loving husband, a faithful friend and an exemplary citizen. To Andrew and Emma McMillan were born four children, namely: Putnam D., a business man of Minneapolis, Minnesota; Sarah D., who married the Rev. E. G. Parsons, of Londonderry, New Hampshire, and was actively engaged with him in school work at Pinkerton Academy of Londonderry and in other places until her death; John, of this review; and Julia, deceased.

John McMillan acquired his education in the common schools and academy of his native village, where he was fitted for college, and remained in New England until the outbreak of the Civil war, when, prompted by a spirit of patriotism, he responded to his country's call for troops and enlisted, in 1861, as a soldier in Company H, Fourth Vermont Infantry. He was first stationed at Camp Griffin, near Washington, and later received a wound which caused the loss of one limb. This occasioned his discharge from the army, but later, in 1863, he reenlisted as a member of the invalid corps but was not again sent to the front.

After the close of the war, in 1866, Mr. McMillan left his home in the Green Mountain state and sought the opportunities of the rapidly growing middle west. He made his way to Iowa, locating in Poweshiek county, and here he was employed at farm work by the month for about seven years. He then started to improve the land which he had previously purchased on section 3, Chester township, upon which he continued to reside until 1911. During the intervening years he devoted his attention to the cultivation of his land, although handicapped by poor health and a disabled limb. He converted the place into a valuable and productive farm, supplied with all modern accessories and conveniences. In its appointments it is neat and well ordered and since the retirement of Mr. McMillan has been operated by his son. He now makes his home near Chester Center, where he is living in happy contentment after many years of well directed effort.

On the 29th of October, 1878, Mr. McMillan was united in marriage to Miss Carrie Augusta Hetherington, a daughter of Christmas and Margaret M. (Dial) Hetherington. Her mother passed away in November, 1883, and her father died ten years later. The Hetherington family is of English origin, the father of Christmas Hetherington being an astronomer and teacher in England. His mother, however, was of French lineage and came to America in early colonial days. For some years he followed contracting and building at Oskaloosa, Iowa,

and was also an extensive land dealer in that locality. His son James E. Hetherington, now deceased, held the position of revenue officer in the south for twenty years and was a resident of Atlanta, Georgia. By a former marriage Mrs. McMillan had one son, George F. Waggoner, who is a traveling man, residing in Dickinson, North Dakota. He is married and has a son, Dana L. Waggoner. Unto Mr. and Mrs. McMillan has been born one son, Putnam Dana, who was married, in August, 1910, to Miss Ella Ahrens, of Grinnell, Iowa, and who now resides on the old homestead farm in Chester township, where he is engaged in general agricultural pursuits.

Mr. McMillan attends the services of the Methodist church of Sonora, of which he is a member. Recognizing the fact that the liquor traffic is one of the worst evils against which the country has to contend, he gives stalwart support to the prohibition party, and his influence is ever on the side of all measures and movements which have for their object the betterment and upbuilding of the community at large. He is a stockholder in the Chester & Grinnell Telephone Company and has ever been a strong advocate of all public utilities. He is a gentleman of broad mind and takes a calm survey of life, recognizes its purposes and meets its obligations. He is held in high regard throughout the county and has a circle of friends almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintances.

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#### WILLIAM N. MORGAN.

For fifty-eight years the Morgan family have been represented in Poweshiek county. William N. Morgan is the son of John C. and Rebecca D. (Barker) Morgan and was born in Lincoln township, Poweshiek county, on the 23d of August, 1865. His grandfather, John Morgan, was a native of Ohio, from which state he removed to Illinois, where his son John C. was born on the 14th of August, 1842. In 1853 he brought his family to Iowa, driving from Sangamon county, Illinois, to Poweshiek county. On arriving here, the grandfather purchased one hundred and sixty acres of government land on what is called the state road, in the improvement and cultivation of which both he and his son engaged. Mrs. Rebecca Morgan, who was a native of Ohio, passed away in April, 1899, but her husband survived until the 2d of July, 1906, his demise occurring at the residence of his son.

The education of William N. Morgan was acquired in the district schools of his native county. After laying aside his school books he engaged in agricultural pursuits, assisting his father until he had attained his majority, at which time he began working for himself. For one year thereafter he hired out by the month as a farm hand, following which he located in Deep River township for two years, and then removed to his present homestead. This is a one hundred and sixty acre tract, formerly the home of his father, and has been in possession of the family for about fifty years. Mr. Morgan raises Berkshire hogs and shorthorn cattle and also engages in general farming. He is meeting with success in his undertakings and is constantly improving his farm.



On the 25th of September, 1889, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Morgan and Miss Cora Criswell, a daughter of William and Mary (Bromley) Criswell. Her father is a native of Indiana and her mother of New York. They lived in Illinois for a time and from there removed to Poweshiek county, where they have ever since continued to reside, their present home being in Deep River township. Three children have been born unto Mr. and Mrs. Morgan: Orrion L., who was born April 14, 1891, and is still at home; Rebecca Dorothy, born November 5, 1897; and William Harold Carman, born December 22, 1899.

Fraternally Mr. Morgan is a member of Golden Rod Lodge, No. 512, A. F. & A. M., of Deep River; Modern Woodmen of America, Deep River Lodge, No. 297; and Modern Brotherhood of America, Deep River Lodge, No. 146. His political support he accords to the candidates of the republican party, his views coinciding with the progressive faction of that body. He takes an interest in civic affairs and is now serving both as a school director and township trustee. Perseverance and earnest endeavor have enabled Mr. Morgan to make a success of his vocation, and he is regarded as one of the successful agriculturists of Lincoln township.

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#### ANDREW SCOTT GRAHAM.

One of the most successful young agriculturists and stockmen of Poweshiek county is Andrew Scott Graham, who was born on the farm where he now resides in Madison township on the 4th of July, 1878. His parents are Archie and Christiana (Brownlie) Graham, the father a native of Smith Falls, Canada, and the mother of Iowa. Archie Graham came to the United States in the early '60s, locating in Scott county, Iowa, where he resided for several years, and then removed to Poweshiek county, settling upon a farm in Madison township. He met with success in his agricultural pursuits and added to his holdings from time to time until he had acquired four hundred acres of land, in the cultivation of which he engaged until the 1st of March, 1904, when he retired and removed to Brooklyn, where he and his wife continue to reside.

The education of Andrew Scott Graham was obtained in the district schools of his native township, and in the Capital City Commercial College, following which he assisted his father in the cultivation of the homestead until the latter's retirement, at which time he assumed the entire management. In 1910 he bought two hundred and forty acres of land, which he also operates in addition to the 160 contained in his father's farm. He engages in general farming and stock-raising and is meeting with more than a fair degree of success in both undertakings. Each year he feeds one carload of cattle and two of hogs for the market. He has an excellent farm, which is well improved and highly cultivated, everything about the place giving evidence of the capable supervision and regard for details which bespeaks success in any vocation.

On the 8th of February, 1904, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Graham and Miss Bertha Graham, a daughter of Thomas and Jennie (Lang) Graham.

who were at one time well known residents of Madison township. Thomas Graham originally came from Smith Falls, Canada, but the mother is a native of Scott county, Iowa. When Mrs. Bertha Graham was a child of five years the family removed to Minnesota, where the father engaged in farming for fifteen years. In 1899 the family returned to Iowa, settling in Brooklyn, where Thomas Graham has ever since lived retired. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Graham: Blanch Elizabeth, who was born on the 27th of July, 1906; and Robert Edward, whose birth occurred on the 26th of January, 1911.

Mr. and Mrs. Graham hold membership in the Christian church, and he is a member of the Masonic fraternity, being affiliated with Corinthian Lodge, No. 174, A. F. & A. M., of Brooklyn. His political allegiance he gives to the republican party, and for more than five years he has been the choice of the people for the office of township clerk, which office he continues to hold. Mr. Graham is one of the progressive and energetic young farmers of Madison township, and judging by the measure of success awarded his efforts thus far his future appears most promising.

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### JOSEPH McKEE.

Joseph McKee who owns and operates a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Deep River township, has made his home on this place for the past twenty-eight years and is today classed among the well known and prominent farmers of Poweshiek county. He was born in Washington county, Maryland, April 16, 1843, a son of Samuel and Susan (Parks) McKee, the former a native of Ireland. Their family numbered five sons and four daughters, of whom our subject was the fifth in order of birth. The father died when the latter was a small boy but the mother survived for many years and died at the home of her son Joseph in 1880.

Joseph McKee pursued his studies in the common schools of his native state and was there reared to maturity. He then went alone to Ogle county, Illinois, and for three years worked as a farm hand by the month. He was then joined in that county by his brother John and together they operated a farm for two years, after which they came to Poweshiek county, and here continued farming together for fourteen years. Mr. McKee was then married and engaged in farming on his own account, renting the place on which he now lives for a period of three years. During this time he prospered in his undertakings so that he was able to purchase the land. He has here one hundred and twenty acres, on section 15, Deep River township, which is as rich farming land as is to be found in the entire county. Since becoming owner of this place, Mr. McKee has made many improvements in the way of good and substantial buildings, for when he took possession there was only a small house and a little stable on the farm, but he has built a good country residence and substantial barn and today has a valuable property.

Mr. McKee was married in Iowa county, November 21, 1882, to Miss Laura Jane Cole, who was born in Madison county, Indiana, February 25, 1852. Her parents, Crossman Jacob and Catherine (Eaton) Cole, were both natives of New York, the former born April 7, 1827, and the latter October 24, 1828. They were married in Madison county, Indiana, in 1851, and in 1856 removed to Keokuk county, Iowa, where they resided until the death of the mother. The father followed farming and harness-making throughout his business career and died while on a visit to Indiana, June 23, 1886, when fifty-nine years of age, while the mother died in Keokuk county, Iowa, February 28, 1870, at the comparatively early age of forty-two years. In their family were six children, of whom Mrs. McKee is the eldest, the others being: Cynthia Ann, deceased; Martha Ellen, the wife of John Sigler, of Virginia; William T. A., a resident of Montezuma; Ida Viola, who became the wife of John Garber but is now deceased; and Lucy Elizabeth, the wife of Carney Henderson, a resident of Oxford, Iowa.

Mrs. McKee accompanied her parents on their removal to Iowa and attended the schools of the school district near which they resided, but she received the major part of her education at Sigourney, Keokuk county. She eventually engaged in teaching, and before and after her marriage taught forty-eight terms in the district schools. She holds a life certificate to teach in the state of Iowa. For the past few years she has devoted her time to the raising of fancy poultry, making a close study of this line of work. From the time of its organization to the present she has acted as superintendent of the poultry department of the Poweshiek County Farmers Institute and ever takes an active interest in its development and work. Mr. and Mrs. McKee have no children of their own but have reared a nephew, Charles Joseph Garber, who is now engaged in farming in Deep River township.

Mr. McKee is a republican in his political views and his wife is a member of the Methodist Protestant church, in the work of which she takes an active part. They are both well known in Deep River township as well as other sections of Poweshiek county and Mr. McKee has a reputation for fair and honorable dealing which is surpassed by no man in his locality.

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#### WILLIAM JAMES McLAIN.

William James McLain has followed farming on his present property of three hundred and sixty-seven acres, located on section 5, Lincoln township, since 1897. He was born in Rock Island county, Illinois, January 21, 1866, a son of John and Sarah (Middleham) McLain, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of England. In 1848 the father emigrated to the United States and followed farming in Pennsylvania until about 1850, when he continued his journey westward, locating on a farm in Rock Island county, Illinois. About 1867 or 1868, he removed to Poweshiek county, Iowa, purchasing land in Scott township, which he cultivated until the time of his death in 1896 at the age of seventy years. He was a republican in his political faith and was a mem-

ber of the United Presbyterian church, in which he filled various offices, and he also assisted in building several churches. The mother of our subject still survives and makes her home on the farm in Scott township.

William James McLain was but an infant when brought to Poweshiek county by his parents, and in the schools of his home district he acquired his early education but later attended Grinnell Academy. During the periods of vacation he was trained in the work of the home farm and after completing his education he returned to the farm and there remained for some time. Eventually, however, he went to Colorado, where he remained for six months, but in 1897 returned once more to Poweshiek county and since that time has lived on his present place, consisting of three hundred and sixty-seven acres on section 5, Lincoln township. He has here a valuable property, his fields having been placed under a high state of cultivation, and in addition to general farming he raises Chester White hogs and shorthorn cattle on quite an extensive scale, making his shipments to the Chicago market. In addition to this property he is also interested in farm lands in Dakota and Montana. He has made wise use of his capital, investing it where it has brought substantial returns, and today he is classed with the well-to-do citizens of his section of the county.

Mr. McLain was married on the 24th of December, 1896, in Fort Collins, Colorado, to Miss Minnie L. Breniman, a daughter of Reuben and Minnie (Pierce) Breniman. The former, of Swiss descent, is a farmer by occupation, while the mother is of English descent. The father formerly owned the farm on which our subject now resides. Unto Mr. and Mrs. McLain have been born three daughters and two sons, Mildred, Margery, Miriam, Marvin and Maynard.

In politics Mr. McLain is a republican and for two terms served as township trustee. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in Harmony Methodist Episcopal church. His genial, cordial nature has endeared him to all with whom he comes in contact, and no man in the community has a wider circle of warm friends.

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#### C. F. SCHULTZ.

A well spent youth, coupled with thrift and energy, enabled C. F. Schultz to acquire a competence which makes it possible for him to spend his latter days in the ease and comfort which is ever considered to be the just reward of well directed effort.

He was born in Prussia, Germany, on the 28th of August, 1842, a son of Christopher and Mary (Rabach-Schroeder) Schultz, who were also natives of the fatherland, in which country the mother passed away. The father, who was a carpenter by trade, engaged in ship building, preparing the heavy timbers in the woods for the vessels. Six children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Schultz: Charles; Louis; Henry; Hugh; C. F., our subject; and Augusta, the only daughter. In 1850 the father emigrated to America on a sailing vessel,





MR. AND MRS. C. F. SCHULTZ



it requiring ninety days to make the trip. Upon his arrival here he made his way westward to Princeton, Bureau county, Illinois, where he worked at his trade and with his brothers Joe, Charley, Henry, Gus and Fritz, took up a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, in the cultivation of which some of the brothers engaged while the remainder worked out. Later Mr. Schultz removed to Iowa, locating in Sheridan township, Poweshiek county, following which he settled upon a farm in Malcom township, where he continued to live until he passed away in May, 1894. For his second wife Mr. Schultz chose Mrs. Schroeder, the widow of August Schroeder, a plasterer of Prussia, Germany, where he died. Following his death Mrs. Schroeder and the children came to the United States, where she met Mr. Schultz, their marriage being solemnized at Montezuma, Poweshiek county. She survived her husband five years, making her home during that period with her daughter, Mrs. Charles Eisele, at whose residence she passed away in the spring of 1899.

The first twenty-one years of his life C. F. Schultz spent in the land of his nativity, in the common schools of which he acquired his education. He then worked out by the year, making his home with his grandmother. In 1866 he came to America, coming direct to Poweshiek county where he joined his father, who was then residing in Malcom township. During the first years of his life in the United States he worked for his father. At the expiration of that period, however, he was married and subsequently rented eighty acres in section 33, Sheridan township, from his father for one year. He was energetic and thrifty and at the end of that time decided to purchase the land, which was valued at sixteen hundred dollars. By means of constant application and by practicing the most rigid economy he was able to pay for the property in six years, and in 1887 he added another eighty acres in section 32 of the same township. In 1901 he added to his holdings a quarter section, also in section 32, which he purchased from George Baustian, making his aggregate holdings three hundred and twenty acres. Mr. Schultz has not been actively engaged in the cultivation of his land for several years, having rented it to his sons, although he and his wife continue to reside upon their homestead. His land is all in a high state of cultivation and his is considered to be one of the most valuable properties in the township.

In 1872 Mr. Schultz was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Wentzel, a daughter of Joseph and Mary Wentzel, the latter having passed away in 1851, when the daughter was but one hour of age. Mr. Wentzel was a shoemaker, having followed his trade in southern Germany, until he and his daughter migrated to the United States. They first located in Princeton, Illinois, only remaining there a few months and then removed to Poweshiek county, settling upon a farm in Malcom township, in the cultivation of which the father engaged for several years. His death occurred at the home of Mrs. Schultz in 1882. Seven children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Schultz, six of whom are living, Ludwig, the eldest, having passed away on the 9th of October, 1895, at the age of twenty-three years. Those surviving are as follows: Phillie, the wife of Joseph Baustian, of Sheridan township; Joseph, of Grinnell township; Andrew, of Malcom township; Edward and George Otto, of Sheridan township; and Ida Anna, of Adel, Iowa. The four sons are all engaged in agricul-

tural pursuits. The family always attend the services of the Lutheran denomination, the parents holding membership in the church of Malcom township.

Ever since acquiring the right of franchise, through naturalization, Mr. Schultz has given his political support to the candidates of the democratic party, although he has never been an office seeker and so does not actively participate in township affairs. He is one of the highly respected citizens of the community and takes great pride in being able to say that he has never been drawn into court in any capacity whatsoever. He has met with most gratifying success in his ventures, but it is generally recognized as the well merited reward of perseverance and determination.

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### AARON W. ARMSTRONG.

Aaron W. Armstrong is one of the well-to-do farmers of Deep River township, his possessions here comprising eight hundred acres, divided into four farms, his home place being located on section 26. He was born five miles east of Knoxville, Tennessee, March 20, 1835, and comes of Scotch ancestry in the paternal line. His great-grandfather, Robert Armstrong, was the progenitor of the family in America, and his son, Robert, the grandfather of our subject, entered land in East Tennessee, making his home in Knox county. He was a farmer by occupation and died in that state. His family included Aaron Armstrong, who became the father of our subject. The latter was born in the upper part of East Tennessee, August 3, 1787, and his entire life was spent in Knox county as a farmer. He wedded Miss Betsy Bounds, and they reared a family of fifteen children, one son and one daughter still residing in Tennessee, while one son, James, resides on the farm which was entered by the grandfather and later became the home of the father. The latter served in the war of 1812 and his death occurred in the fall of 1860.

Aaron W. Armstrong, whose name introduces this record, was reared on the home farm in the state of his nativity and after the death of the father, he assisted his mother in the management of the farm, remaining with her until he had reached the age of twenty-six years. He enlisted for service in the Civil war, becoming a member of Company G, Sixth Tennessee Infantry, which he joined at Columbus, Kentucky, April 10, 1862. He was rapidly promoted first becoming corporal, afterward sergeant and still later sergeant major. After serving with that command for eight months he was transferred to the Ninth Tennessee Cavalry, being promoted to the rank of lieutenant and later captain. He participated in a number of skirmishes and did valiant duty for his country while at the front.

Following the close of hostilities, Mr. Armstrong returned to the old homestead in Tennessee and in the winter of 1865-6 made his way to Iowa, spending six weeks at Victor. He afterward spent seven months in Omaha, Nebraska, while for a brief period he was in Phelps county, Missouri. In March, 1867, he returned to Iowa, purchasing one hundred and sixty acres of land in Deep River township, for which he paid twelve dollars per acre and which constitutes



a part of his present holdings. He at once began to develop and improve his land and as time passed and he prospered in his work he added to his holdings from time to time until his possessions now embrace eight hundred acres all in Deep River township. This is divided into four farms. On his home place stands a good country residence and substantial outbuildings, all of which have been erected by Mr. Armstrong. He formerly owned and conducted a store in Tilton and also engaged in buying and shipping stock for a short time but now gives his entire time and attention to his farming and stock-raising interests, the principal feature of his work being the raising of horses, cattle and hogs, which he usually ships to the city markets. He certainly deserves great credit for what he has accomplished, for when he first located in Poweshiek county he found largely a wild and undeveloped region, but improving the advantages which a new country offers, he has added to his possessions until he is today numbered among the wealthy citizens of his section of the state.

Mr. Armstrong was married in Monmouth, Warren county, Illinois, April 28, 1874, to Miss Emma Eiffert, who was born in Henderson county, Illinois, November 25, 1849. To them were born nine children, namely: Cora E., the wife of Frank Kruse, a resident of Tilton; Ada J., the wife of L. W. Jones, a railroad man residing in Long Beach, California, and prior to her marriage a teacher in Colorado for eight years; Laura I., at home; Harry E., who follows farming in Deep River township; Margaret, the wife of Henry Fish, of Deep River; Maude, who died at the age of eighteen years; Luther, still under the parental roof; Edna, the wife of Judson Cleland, of Gibson, Iowa; and one who died in infancy.

Mr. Armstrong is a democrat in his political views and on his party ticket was twice a candidate for office but was defeated as the party is not a strong one in this section of the state. He is a Mason, belonging to Golden Rod Lodge, No. 512, at Deep River. Inheriting the sterling characteristics of a long line of sturdy Scotch ancestry and endowed by nature with a good constitution, he early developed all the attributes which make the successful man. He has ever taken a deep interest in the progress and advancement of his home locality, feeling a just pride in what has been accomplished in the way of placing this section on a par with the older sections of the east.

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### HARVEY P. JOHNSON.

While a resident of Montezuma Harvey P. Johnson is nevertheless actively interested in farming and stock-raising, being extensively engaged in the live-stock business since 1882. He was born in Greene county, Ohio, April 22, 1840, and was only six months old when brought to Poweshiek county by his parents, Virgil H. and Mary V. (Wilson) Johnson, who were also natives of the Buckeye state. The father, who was born in Highland county, September 16, 1813, died on the 5th of April, 1893, spending his last days upon the farm in Union township where he located upon his arrival in this county. He was the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of land, a half of

which he entered from the government, while the remaining eighty acres he purchased. It came into his possession a wild and uncultivated tract but he left it well improved, its excellent condition and attractive appearance indicating his useful and well spent life. Both he and his wife were faithful Christian people, holding membership in the Baptist church. Mrs. Johnson, who was born in 1816, passed away in Union township in 1898. Their family consisted of six children, namely: Lorenzo D., of Union township; Carrie, who passed away at the age of two years; Harvey P., of this review; Joseph A., of Maryland; William P., also residing in Union township; and Angeline, the widow of Oscar McNeil and a resident of Union township, making her home on her father's farm.

Upon the old homestead in Union township Harvey P. Johnson was reared and from an early age assisted in the development and improvement of the farm. The public schools afforded him his educational privileges and his time was divided between the duties of the schoolroom, the pleasures of the playground and the work of the fields. He continued to assist his father in the cultivation of the farm until thirty years of age, when he started for Kansas, traveling over that state and Colorado in search of a favorable location. However, he became convinced that there was no better farming country any place than in Iowa, and in December, 1879, he took up his abode upon a farm in Union township. For a time he lived in the timber regions, chopping and hauling timber, and in this way he saved the capital that enabled him to purchase a small tract of timber land. This he cleared and placed under cultivation and in time it brought to him profitable returns. As the years have passed on he has kept adding to his place until he is today one of the most extensive landowners of the county, having about nineteen hundred acres in Union, Jackson and Pleasant townships. In addition he has made judicious investment in town property, owning in Montezuma a good business block and three dwellings in addition to his own home. He was busily engaged in farming until he took up his abode in Montezuma nine years ago. Even now he gives considerable time and attention to the operation of his farm near the city, having, however, a man employed to carry on the work of the place. He is the owner of seventy-five head of draft horses, and when on the farm he fed about three hundred head of cattle each year. He has been extensively engaged in the live-stock business since 1882, and his splendid success indicates his superior business ability, his sound judgment and his unfaltering enterprise. He has a beautiful residence on West Main street near the business section of the city, and his success enables him to enjoy all of the comforts and many of the luxuries of life.

In December, 1879, occurred the marriage of Mr. Johnson and Martha E. Blaine, a native of Illinois, where her birth occurred in 1864. In early life she was brought to Poweshiek county by her parents, Josiah and Martha C. Blaine, both of whom are now deceased. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have been born four children: Charles C., who was born February 24, 1881, and on the 22d of April, 1900, was killed by a horse; Ray, who married Gussie Stevens, by whom he has a son, Cannon, and now resides on one of his father's farms north of Montezuma; Cliff, who also operates one of his father's farms north

of the city, and who married Maggie McClure, by whom he has three children, Fred, Virgil and Grace; and Verna, who resides at home and is now attending school.

Mr. Johnson belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and both he and his wife are connected with the Rebekah degree. He has every reason to be proud of what he has accomplished. He had no financial aid or assistance when he started out in life for himself. He realized, however, that industry and determination are a substantial basis for success, and he pinned his faith to those elements. He was careful in making investments and his sound judgment found its proof in the increasing value of the property which came into his possession. He is honored and respected by all for what he has accomplished and also for the straightforward and creditable business principles which he has always utilized in the attainment of his prosperity.

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### EZRA FAHRNEY.

Ezra Fahrney may truly be termed a pioneer of Deep River township and Poweshiek county, and he is still residing on the land which he entered from the government—the only man in the township who can lay claim to that distinction. His farm today, however, bears little resemblance to the tract on which he located fifty-eight years ago, for at that time the land was still in its wild state and few settlers had ventured into this district to take up their abode. Now this region is thickly settled, while in its midst towns and villages have sprung up and the entire countryside gives evidence of the thrift and industry of the people.

Mr. Fahrney was born in Washington county, Maryland, April 24, 1831, and in the paternal line comes of German ancestry. His grandfather, Dr. Peter Fahrney, was a native of Germany, whence he emigrated with two brothers to the United States, the brothers locating in Pennsylvania, while he settled in Washington county, Maryland. He was a tanner by trade and conducted a tannery on his farm, but later practiced medicine for many years. A grandson, who bears his name, is practicing medicine in Chicago. In his family were four sons and six daughters and it was his son Samuel who became the father of our subject. Samuel Fahrney was born in Washington county, Maryland, and was reared on his father's farm in that state. After reaching mature years he wedded Miss Barbara Gantz, who was likewise a native of Washington county, their entire lives being spent on a farm there. They had a family numbering fourteen children, eleven sons and three daughters, all of whom lived to be more than twenty-one years of age.

Ezra Fahrney, the tenth in order of birth, was reared on the home farm to the age of nineteen years, at which time he made his way to the north, locating in Ogle county, Illinois, where he worked on a farm for three years, while for a similar period he worked in a machine shop. In the fall of 1853 he came to Poweshiek county and entered one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 14, Deep River township, where he still resides. He then returned

to Illinois and in the spring of 1856 came to Iowa once more, bringing with him his family. The following winter was one of hardships and privation. During the first summer in Iowa he worked at the carpenter's trade and also succeeded in getting twenty acres of his land broken and his first crop planted. The crop, however, was destroyed by the heavy rains, which left him with little or no money. The nearest trading point at that time was Montezuma and many other inconveniences had to be borne in establishing his home on the frontier. Mr. Fahrney was a hard worker, however, and in course of time broke all his land and eventually raised good crops. He also made all the improvements on his farm, for to some extent he understood the carpenter's trade, and he is a natural mechanic, inheriting this tendency from his father, who possessed considerable mechanical genius and secured a number of patents on his inventions. Mr. Fahrney has also made several inventions and has secured five patents, one of his inventions being the reel on a reaper, which was later patented by McCormick. His genius in this direction proved of value to him in his early life when making improvements on his farm and also in building machinery with which to prosecute his labors. As time passed and he prospered in his work, Mr. Fahrney added to his land holdings from time to time until his possessions now embrace two hundred and ninety-one acres on section 15, Deep River township. He has two complete sets of buildings and everything about the place is kept in excellent condition. He is still actively engaged in work about the farm, having always enjoyed the best of health, and having never required the services of a physician but twice in his life.

Mr. Fahrney has been married twice. In Ogle county, Illinois, in 1855, he wedded Miss Catharine Hopwood, who was born in Washington county, Maryland. She died in 1873 at the early age of thirty-five years, leaving eight children: Ella, now the widow of George Fisher and a resident of Idaho; Emma, the wife of Montaville Cook, residing in Kansas; Eva, the wife of Noah Myerly, living near Burr Oak, Kansas; Theodore, a resident of Deep River township; California, who is an attorney of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Ada, the wife of Salem Icenbice; and Almetta and Julia, who died in infancy. In 1875 Mr. Fahrney was again married, his second union being with Elizabeth Decker, who was born in Hancock county, Ohio, January 30, 1855, and came to Poweshiek county in the fall of that year, with her parents, Elisha and Mary Decker. By the second union there are nine children: May, the wife of Archie Inman, a resident of Missouri; Ed, who makes his home in Deep River township; Ida, the wife of Charles Middlekauff, of Iowa county, Iowa; William, a resident of Deep River township; Bessie, the wife of Harry Armstrong, of Deep River township; Clinton, at home; Earl, also of Deep River township; and Bernice and Cloyd, still under the parental roof.

The Fahrneys have always been whigs and republicans and Mr. Fahrney of this review has followed in the political footsteps of his forefathers. He has never been active, however, in political affairs, for his time has always been fully occupied with his private business affairs. He is a member of the German Baptist Brethren church. He is today a well informed man but is practically self-educated, for he never attended school but four months in his youth, and the knowledge that he has acquired has been through private study and



reading. It was a long strenuous task which presented itself to the pioneers of those earliest times but they met it with a steady, unwavering resolution. They did not see in advance the full dimensions and importance of the work there were accomplishing. From a wilderness traversed by only the deeply beaten path of the savage they converted these broad plains into gardens. They adorned them not only with the beauty of waving fields of grain but with commodious and pleasant homes, surrounded with many evidences of taste and refinement, with schoolhouses where their children were trained and taught for future honor and usefulness, with churches where they might be trained in the higher, holier ways of living. By their patience and energy, by their wise foresight, they organized and built up a community here which in its general prosperity, in its orderly society, in the pleasantness of its homes, in the intelligence and moral tone of its people, in all that goes to make up a desirable civilization is nowhere excelled. In all this work Mr. Fahrney has taken an active and helpful part and no more desirable place for a quiet home can be found than here in this community which he helped to establish. He has now passed the eightieth milestone on the journey of life and on the 24th of April, 1911, celebrated that anniversary of his birth by inviting fifty of his friends to dinner. He is still hale and hearty and his friends wish for him many more years of usefulness and activity among them.

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#### GOTTLIEB BRENNIMAN.

Gottlieb Breniman, now living retired in Brooklyn, is a representative of the well known family of that name which was established in Poweshiek county at an early day. Switzerland claims him among her native sons, his birth occurring near the city of Berne, February 25, 1846. He is a son of Christian and Barbara (Durig) Breniman, natives of Switzerland, and was a little lad of six years when brought by them to the United States. They first located in Ohio and later, in 1855, took up their abode in Poweshiek county, Iowa, within whose borders the son has since continued to make his home. He was the sixth in order of birth in a family of ten children and is a brother of Christian D. Breniman, mention of whom is made on another page of this volume.

On a farm in Warren township, about four miles southeast of Brooklyn, Gottlieb Breniman spent the period between the years 1855 and 1863, and in the latter year, during the Civil war, removal was made to Lincoln township, where he continued to make his home with his parents until his marriage. He then started out independently and for almost thirty years was engaged in the operation of a farm in Lincoln township. His efforts along agricultural lines were unusually successful and it was not long before he became recognized as one of the most progressive and prosperous farmers of his district. The success which came to him made it possible for him, in 1899, to withdraw from active labor and seek the comforts of city life. Accordingly he sold his farm, which, consisting of over four hundred acres, constituted one of the finest and most valuable properties in that section of Poweshiek county, and came to Brook-

lyn, where he owns and occupies a most comfortable and attractive residence. He also possesses three other good dwellings in this city and also three-quarters of a section of land in the Panhandle of Texas.

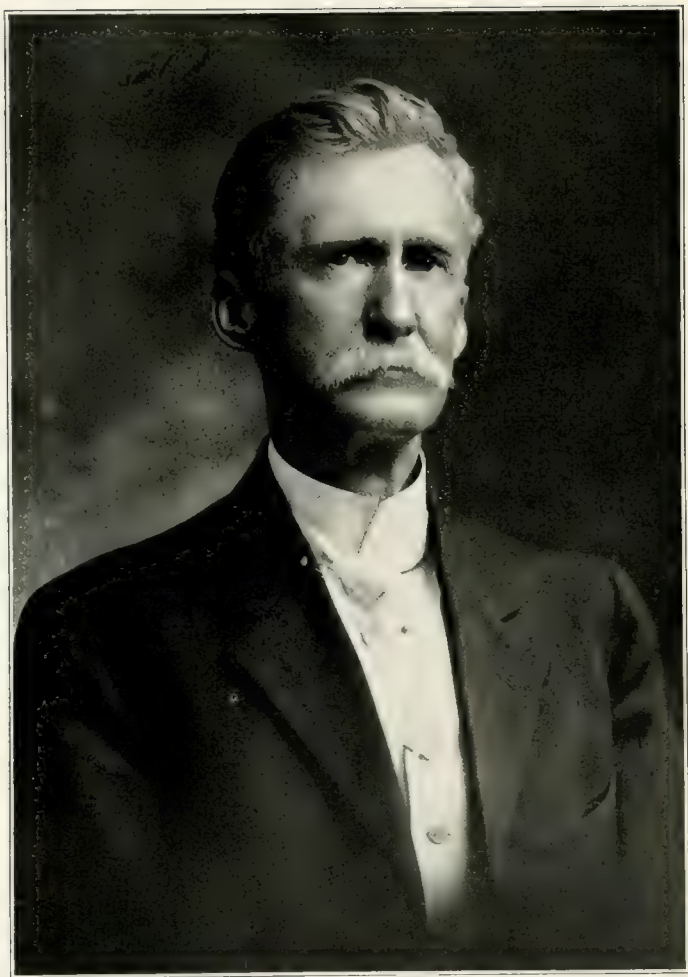
It was on the 1st of September, 1870, that Mr. Breniman was united in marriage to Miss Barbara Strasser, who was born in Kenton, Ohio, May 22, 1850, and when about two years of age was brought by her parents to Iowa, locating in Keokuk county. She is a daughter of Henry and Barbara (Craybill) Strasser, natives of Ohio and Switzerland respectively. They were numbered among the early settlers of Keokuk county, entering land there from the government when wild game was still very plentiful, and there the father passed his remaining days, his demise occurring in 1873. His wife, however, still survives and now makes her home in Thornburg, Iowa, at the age of ninety-three years. With the passing years seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Breniman, namely: George Francis, of Fort Collins, Colorado; Florence E., the wife of Charles Connell, of Nara Visa, New Mexico; Alice, who passed away at the age of sixteen years; Clara T., a student at Capital City Commercial College, Des Moines; Ernest C., a successful farmer, who married Frances Gaumer and resides three miles southeast of Brooklyn; Mabel, who died when two years of age; and Ethel, also a student at Capital City Commercial College, Des Moines.

The religious faith of Mr. Breniman is that of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is a member, and fraternally he belongs to the Knights of Pythias. In politics he supports the democratic party and on that ticket was elected to the office of assessor of Lincoln township, in which he served for five years. Mr. Breniman's success in life has been most substantial and his income has been very wisely used. He has traveled considerably in the old world, visiting Switzerland in 1900 and also attending the Paris Exposition. He made a thorough tour of the British islands and also has seen much of his adopted country, while for one winter he resided in California. Thus he has gained that broad experience which comes from travel and contact with many men, which lends color and interest to the more or less uneventful course of everyday life.

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#### FRANCIS M. COOPER, M. D.

The prosperity of Iowa and its commercial wealth as compared with that of other states of the Union are largely due to the wisely directed efforts of early settlers from the East and their descendants. This is true as applied to agricultural and business interests and also to the professions. Dr. Francis M. Cooper, of Grinnell, a native of Pennsylvania, came to Iowa when thirteen years of age and has ever since made his home in this state. He was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, January 27, 1851, a son of John Y. and Sarah (Van Kirk) Cooper, also natives of the Keystone state. They were married there and removed to Ohio in 1852, making their home in Licking county for twelve years. In 1864 the family came to Iowa, locating on a farm in



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Jasper county, where the mother died the year following. The father survived her for forty-five years and passed away March 1, 1910. Had he lived four days longer he would have reached the advanced age of ninety-two years.

Francis M. Cooper grew to manhood under the parental roof, and acquired his preliminary education at the district schools, later attending Hazel Dell Academy at Newton, and graduating at the Eastern Iowa Normal School. He also became a student at Drake University and pursued a medical course in the Iowa State University. He taught school at various times while securing his education, being for about five years successfully engaged in that vocation. After completing his medical education he entered upon the practice of his chosen profession. For twenty years he was a resident of Searsboro, where he built up an extensive practice, becoming known as one of the leading practitioners of that part of the state. For twelve years he was a member of the school board of the independent district of Searsboro, being president of the same for nine years, and he devoted considerable attention to the advancement of educational affairs. His health became greatly impaired owing to his large country practice, and in 1905, much against the will of the citizens of Searsboro he removed to Grinnell, and so far as his health will permit he has since engaged in active practice here. He is identified with the Poweshiek County Medical and the Iowa State Medical Societies. He has been quite successful financially, and owns a valuable farm in Sugar Creek and Union townships, this county.

In 1888 Dr. Cooper was united in marriage to Miss Ella D. Scarbrough, a native of Jasper county, Iowa, and to them have been born two children: Nellie M., who is now attending Grinnell College, and Clara B., who died in 1900, at the age of nine years. They have also reared Mabel Scarbrough, a niece of Mrs. Cooper, who has since been regarded as a member of the family and is now the wife of Charles Bechly, of Newaygo, Michigan.

Dr. Cooper and his wife are members of the Methodist Church, and are held in the highest esteem by all who know them. Politically he is identified with the Republican party. It is through persistent application, extending over a long period of years, that he has attained the high standing which is accorded him in his profession. He is a close student and observer and his well selected library contains many of the best books and reviews pertaining to the practice of medicine and surgery.

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#### B. S. HANAWALT.

B. S. Hanawalt is numbered among the progressive farmers and business men of Deep River township, for here he is cultivating two hundred and twelve acres of rich and arable land on section 4, and he is also acting as president of the Deep River Cooperative Creamery Company. Mr. Hanawalt was born in Wisconsin, October 15, 1855, a son of William B. and Sarah (Colville) Hanawalt, the former born in Pennsylvania in 1825, and the latter in Ohio in 1835. They were married in the latter state and in Iowa the father passed away at the age of seventy-four years. The mother still survives and now makes her home with our subject. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hanawalt were born three sons

and two daughters, as follows: William, who died when only two years of age; B. S., of this review; George Howey, a resident of New Sharon, Iowa; Clara, the wife of O. E. Wasser, of Ames, Iowa; and Anna M., the widow of J. C. Scovel, and a resident of Ames.

B. S. Hanawalt was but two years of age when his parents left his native state and removed to the southern part of Illinois. He was there reared to the age of fourteen, when they removed to the eastern part of Iowa, while in 1878 they made a location in Deep River township, Poweshiek county, and here Mr. Hanawalt has lived to the present time. He has made farming his life work and today owns a valuable tract of two hundred and twelve acres, located on section 4, Deep River township. He has erected all of the buildings on the place, including a good country residence and substantial outbuildings which furnish ample shelter for grain and stock. He has been identified with the Deep River Cooperative Creamery Company since its organization and is now acting as its president, while he is likewise a stockholder in the Farmers Independent Harvester Company of Plano, Illinois. Although his farming interests occupy much of his time and attention, he yet finds time for cooperation in public movements which he deems of benefit to the locality.

Mr. Hanawalt was married in 1883 to Miss Josie E. Sargent, who was born in Deep River township, August 16, 1859, a daughter of D. K. and Clara G. Sargent, the former deceased and the latter a resident of Poweshiek county. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hanawalt have been born four children: Iva L., Eola A., Blanche C. and B. S., Jr.

Mr. Hanawalt is a democrat in his political views and for nine years has served as school director. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church at Deep River, while his fraternal relations connect him with Golden Rod Lodge, No. 512, A. F. & A. M., May Flower Lodge, No. 244, Order of the Eastern Star, and with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Modern Brotherhood of America, all of Deep River. The confidence and trust which his fellow townsmen place in Mr. Hanawalt is evidenced by the many public positions he has been called upon to fill. He is a man of exemplary habits and strict integrity, and the success which he today enjoys is well merited for it has come to him through his persistent efforts and his sound business judgment.

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#### CHARLES R. CLARK.

Successful in the educational field as well as in the practice of law, the life work of Charles R. Clark has been of signal usefulness to his fellowmen and Montezuma honors him as one of her progressive and valued citizens. He was born in Plymouth, New Hampshire, and is descended from one of the old New England families, his ancestry being distinctively American in both its lineal and collateral lines through many generations. In colonial days the family was founded in Massachusetts, whence the great-grandfather of Charles R. Clark removed to New Hampshire, settling in Windham. It was there that Robert Clark, the grandfather, was born and reared and later he became a

leading factor in business circles in the town of Acworth, New Hampshire, where he managed a saw and gristmill and also conducted a store. Subsequently he turned his attention to manufacturing interests and continued a resident of Acworth until his life's labors were ended in death. Amos Clark, the father of Charles R. Clark, was born in Acworth, where he acquired his education and spent his childhood days. After leaving school he assisted his father in the conduct and management of various business interests but eventually removed to Plymouth, New Hampshire, where he made his home throughout his remaining days. In the early times, when military training was a feature in the life of almost every citizen, he became a captain in the New Hampshire state militia. He married Laura Hall, who was born in Windham county, Vermont, and was a daughter of Justus Hall, a farmer and cabinet-maker of that county. Mr. Clark died at the age of seventy-nine years, while his wife passed away at the age of sixty-nine, survived by three of their five children.

Under the parental roof Charles R. Clark spent his youthful days, devoting his time largely to farm work until about seventeen years of age, when he became a student in the academy at New Hampton and by a thorough course of study there supplemented the early educational privileges which he had enjoyed. Later he became a student in the Kimball Union Academy at Meriden, New Hampshire, and was graduated from that institution with the class of 1863. After teaching for several terms in the old Granite state and in Massachusetts, he came west, settling at Janesville, Wisconsin, and on the 1st of January, 1866, he entered upon the duties of principal of a school in Le Claire, Scott county, Iowa. In the fall of the same year he came to Montezuma and educational interests of this city were greatly promoted through his practical efforts to embody the high ideals which he cherished in relation to school work. During twelve years he remained at the head of the school system of this city and under his guidance the system of public education was thoroughly organized and improved and the schools raised to a high standard. He resigned to enter upon the practice of law, having in the meantime prepared himself for admission to the bar by reading and studying during his leisure hours.

In April, 1878, Mr. Clark was admitted to practice in the state courts and at once entered into partnership with Judge W. R. Lewis, a relation that was maintained until 1881, when his partner was elected to the bench. Mr. Clark then became associated in practice with Thomas A. Cheshire, this firm being dissolved in 1887 upon Mr. Cheshire's removal to Des Moines. Mr. Clark has since been alone and has made the conduct of real-estate operations a feature of his work. He has also a large law practice and is regarded as a strong and able advocate before the court and as a wise counsellor. The records show that he has been connected with the defense or prosecution of many of the leading cases tried in the courts of this district. Commercial and industrial interests have also felt the stimulus of his cooperation and have profited by his sound and discriminating judgment. In September, 1888, he assisted in organizing the electric light company, capitalized for six thousand dollars. He remained as secretary for a number of years and during that period the plant was enlarged from time to time to meet the demands of the growing patronage.

He is known in financial circles as a director of the First National Bank of this city. He is also a stockholder in the Grinnell and Montezuma Railroad which was opened in 1876.

In 1869, in Davenport, Iowa, occurred the marriage of Mr. Clark and Miss A. E. Townsley, a native of Massachusetts, who was reared and educated in that state. Their only child, Charles W., after pursuing a course in Iowa College became his father's associate in the practice of law under the firm style of Clark & Clark.

Mr. Clark is widely known in fraternal circles. In the Iowa Legion of Honor he has been a member of the executive or finance committee since 1881. His political allegiance has always been given to the republican party but he has ever preferred that his public service should be done as a private citizen rather than as an official. His religious faith is evidenced in his active membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he is completing his fourth year as Sunday-school superintendent, while in other branches of the church work he has also taken a helpful interest.

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### JOHN FRANK TALBOTT.

The record of John Frank Talbott, judge of the sixth judicial district of Iowa, is in contradistinction to the old adage that "A prophet is never without honor save in his own country," for he was born and reared near Brooklyn and has been accorded a foremost place in the legal profession of Poweshiek county. His birth occurred on the 9th of October, 1855, a son of Robert and Hannah (Butterworth) Talbott. The father, who was born in Holmes county, Ohio, in 1824, accompanied his parents, John J. and Mary (Maxwell) Talbott, on their removal to Washington county, Iowa, in 1845, and in 1846 the family home was established in Poweshiek county, on a farm in Bear Creek township. Robert Talbott was a carpenter by trade and followed that occupation throughout his active career. He was married in Ohio, in 1850, to Miss Hannah Butterworth, a native of England, who came with an uncle to the United States when thirteen years of age, the journey across the Atlantic, which was made in a sailing vessel, requiring thirteen weeks. She continued to make her home with her uncle in Ohio until her marriage in 1850. In 1886 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Talbott removed to California, and there the latter passed away in 1906. Her husband survived her for only three weeks, both having reached a ripe old age. In their families were six children, namely: Mary, residing in Santa Ana, California, who was formerly a school teacher of Iowa, having taught for twenty-seven consecutive years in one room at Dexter; Adah, who married Charles H. Starkweather and died in California in 1892; John Frank, of this review; Josephine, who became the wife of E. B. Smith, a jeweler, of Santa Ana, California; Zetilla, residing with her sister Mary in Santa Ana, California; and Joseph G., a wholesale jeweler of Los Angeles, California.



No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of life for John Frank Talbott during the period of his early boyhood and youth, which was passed on the home farm near Brooklyn. His education was acquired in the public schools, continuing a pupil therein until his graduation from the Brooklyn high school. He was only a lad of eleven years when the responsibility of carrying on his father's farm devolved upon him, and he continued in its operation until admitted to the bar. In the meantime, however, desirous of becoming a member of the legal profession, he read law with the late Judge John T. Scott and was one of four to study under the direction of that gentleman who were destined to fill the office of district judge. During that period Mr. Talbott was also engaged in teaching school for one year, 1874-5.

In 1877 he was admitted to the bar and immediately afterward was elected justice of the peace, serving in that capacity for one term. In the fall of 1877 he opened an office for practice in Brooklyn, continuing here for ten years, and from almost the very first met with gratifying success. From 1880 until 1885 he was a member of the law firm of Talbott & Gaynor, the junior partner being Frank R. Gaynor, who for the past sixteen years has served as judge of the fourth judicial district and has recently been reelected for another term of four years. In 1887 Mr. Talbott went to Santa Ana, California, and there resided for three years, after which, in 1890, he removed to Omaha, Nebraska, and was there employed as attorney for the Home Fire Insurance Company of Omaha, having charge of their legal work for a number of years.

In 1895 he returned to Brooklyn and again opened an office for the private practice of his profession in this city. He thus continued until his election, in 1900, to the office of county attorney, which he capably filled for two terms, of two years each, and in 1910, he was chosen judge of the sixth judicial district, comprising Poweshiek, Jasper, Mahaska, Keokuk and Washington counties. While he was well grounded in the principles of common law when admitted to the bar, he has continued through the whole of his professional life a diligent student of those elementary principles that constitute the basis of legal science. His mind is naturally analytical, logical and inductive, and with a comprehensive knowledge of the fundamental principles of law he combines a familiarity with statutory law and a sober, clear judgment which makes him a formidable adversary and a capable jurist. Aside from his professional activity Judge Talbott has also had extensive farming interests, although he has since withdrawn from that connection.

In 1879 Judge Talbott was united in marriage to Miss Nellie H. Brown, who was born in Ohio, in 1855. She is a daughter of Judge George F. Brown, who at one time was judge of the supreme court of Mississippi. He passed away in Omaha in 1893. Unto this union have been born four children. Frank R. Talbott, the eldest, was born in 1880, was a pupil in the common and high schools and read law in the office of his father. He was admitted to the bar in 1904 and practiced his profession in partnership with his father until the latter's election to the bench since which time he has practiced in connection with his brother. He is active in politics and is secretary and treasurer of the county central committee. He was married, on December 16, 1903, to Miss Lelia Mansur, of Santa Ana, California, and they have two children: Mary E.

and Robert C. Mabel, the eldest daughter of Judge Talbott, was born in 1882 and is now the wife of Dr. F. E. Simeral, of Brooklyn. John E. Talbott, an attorney, was born in 1887 and in 1910 was united in marriage to Miss Nellie Mathews, of Cherokee, Iowa. After his graduation from high school he attended the college at Grinnell for two years and in 1910 graduated from the law department of the Iowa State University. He was admitted to the bar and on January 1, 1911, entered into a partnership with his brother, Frank R. Talbott, under the firm style of Talbott & Talbott. Jennie, who completes the family, was born on the 9th of October, 1888, on the thirty-third anniversary of her father's birth. She is now the wife of F. W. Schmitz, an attorney of Townsend, Montana.

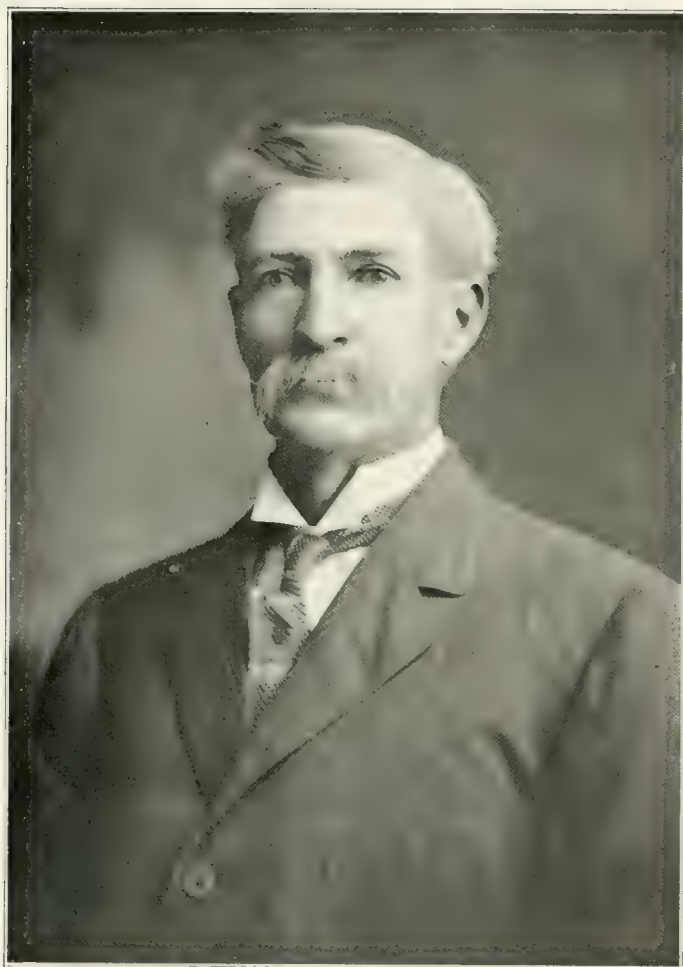
Judge Talbott is an earnest and devoted member of the Episcopal church, while fraternally he is a Master Mason and also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His professional relations are with the Iowa State Bar Association. Politically he is a republican and has served his party as delegate to various state conventions and also as chairman and secretary of the county central committee. In 1896 he was elected a member of the school board and served in that capacity for twelve years. The cause of education has ever found in him a stalwart champion and he has also been deeply interested in other matters of public moment, readily advocating any project or measure which tends towards the material, political, moral and intellectual development of the community. In his professional capacity he has ever upheld the dignity of his position and has won the approval of both the bench and bar as an earnest, capable minister in the temple of justice.

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#### H. W. HATTER.

The list of the leading citizens of Deep River contains no more prominent name than that of H. W. Hatter, one of the representative and well known citizens of Poweshiek county. In business, financial and public circles he has played a most important part, and in every instance his course has been such as to command the confidence and good will of all with whom he has been brought in contact. One of Iowa's native sons he was born in Keokuk county on the 18th of October, 1852, a son of Mathias and Malinda (Adams) Hatter. The parents, natives of Pennsylvania and Ohio respectively, were married in the latter state and came to Iowa in 1844, locating in Keokuk county, where the father carried on farming and shoemaking in the pursuit of a livelihood. Both passed away during the early childhood of our subject, who was but two years of age at the time of his father's demise and but nine years old when his mother passed away.

The youngest of ten children, four sons and six daughters, H. W. Hatter was reared by an elder brother, John V., and when eighteen years of age entered business on his own account, in a small way, as a general merchant, also acting as postmaster for his brother at Millersburg. He remained in that



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city from 1866 to 1882, with the exception of a year and a half spent at Malcom, Poweshiek county, during which time he was engaged in the drug business. In the latter year he went to Keswick, where he conducted a general store for three years, and in 1885 arrived in Deep River, here establishing a general mercantile business in connection with his father-in-law under the firm style of Hatter & Wilson. Shortly afterward the firm became Hatter, Wilson & Company, thus continuing for two or three years, when Mr. Hatter and Horace Phelps bought out the interests of Mr. Wilson and the other partner and operated the enterprise for a number of years as Hatter & Phelps. Subsequently another change in partnership was made when they purchased a creamery here, which they at once rebuilt. Shortly afterward they gave up the merchandising business to devote their entire attention to their creamery interests, conducting a branch at Brooklyn and at Guernsey.

In 1906 the Deep River Creamery Company was organized and Mr. Hatter, retaining his stock in the enterprise, became treasurer and manager. Previous to this he had become identified with the financial circles of Deep River as cashier of the State Bank of this city, accepting that position in 1895 and remaining the incumbent until 1903. In the latter year he assisted in the organization of the First National Bank of Deep River and has been cashier of that institution since that time, his connection with financial interests extending over a period of sixteen years. He is the owner of the Deep River Opera House and his successful conduct of his various interests has brought him to a position of prominence among the leading business men of Deep River township.

Mr. Hatter was married, in 1877, to Miss Florence W. Wilson, who was born in Iowa county, near Millersburg, on the 14th of October, 1858, a daughter of William M. and Margaret A. (Morrison) Wilson. Unto this union have been born five children, as follows: Maude A., now deceased; Ralph E., who passed away in infancy; Eva M., assistant cashier of the First National Bank; Letha, the wife of James W. Light, of Deep River; and Russell E., a clerk in the First National Bank. The two eldest daughters were graduates of the Deep River high school, while the youngest son entered Grinnell College, being required to give up his studies there, however, in his junior year because of poor health. He is now a student of law at State University.

Few men have been more prominent and active in the public life of the community than Mr. Hatter. Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise he has been a stalwart supporter of republican principles, doing all in his power to further the interests of the party, and as a result of his public-spirited citizenship his fellowmen have called him to various offices of trust and importance. He was postmaster of Deep River for ten years, being appointed to that office in 1897 and serving under Presidents McKinley and Roosevelt. His daughter, Maude E., served as deputy during his incumbency. For two years he also acted as justice of the peace. He has served as school director and notary public since the administration of Governor Kirkwood, was city recorder for two years, while for about sixteen years he acted as treasurer of the town and also as school treasurer for six years. His fellow citizens also conferred upon him the highest gift in their power by electing him to the

office of mayor, which he filled for two terms, his service in that office proving that their choice had been well made and their trust well placed.

Indeed, in every official relation his capability and efficiency were recognized and throughout the long period in which he was closely identified with public affairs his career was ever such as to inspire confidence and trust in his fellow-men, and today he ranks among the most prominent and representative citizens of Deep River township. In fraternal circles he belongs to the Masonic body, being a charter member of Golden Rod Lodge, No. 512, A. F. & A. M., and also a member of Excelsior Chapter No. 109, R. A. M., at What Cheer. He likewise belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America camp at Deep River.

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### ARTHUR L. CHILD.

Arthur L. Child, a successful and esteemed resident of Grinnell, has devoted his attention to photography throughout his entire business career and now owns one of the most up-to-date studios of the west. His birth occurred in Bath, New Hampshire, on the 8th of November, 1854, his parents being Jonathan and Martha (Walker) Child, who were likewise natives of that place. Benjamin Child, the first representative of the family to emigrate to America, came from Great Britain in 1630. The family was prominently represented in the Revolutionary war and also in the conflict between the North and the South. Benjamin Child was patriarchal in the best sense, having been earnest in character and in the promotion of that Puritan stamp of piety for which the Massachusetts settlers were especially distinguished. Legal manuscripts carefully preserved at the present time attest his familiarity with public affairs and his prominence in the community.

Jonathan Child, the father of Arthur L. Child, was an agriculturist by occupation and was likewise interested in the starch factory at Bath, New Hampshire. In 1868 he brought his family to Grinnell, Iowa, where he resided for twenty-five years, being engaged in the livery business and other pursuits and acting as a director of the First National Bank of Grinnell. Professor Parker said of him: "In his days of active business he oppressed no man and as bank director he never desired to have a creditor needlessly embarrassed. He was glad to help an honest man in need to get on his feet and walk more firmly." When he passed away in 1905 the community mourned the loss of one of its most substantial and respected citizens. His wife was called to her final rest in 1900.

Arthur L. Child supplemented his preliminary education, obtained in the common schools, by a course of study in Grinnell College. After putting aside his text-books he began working as an assistant to his uncle, C. L. Walker, who at that time owned the business which is now in possession of our subject. In 1881 he bought the studio of Mr. Walker and the following year purchased the location which he now occupies. In 1884 he rebuilt his studio and occupied the second floor until 1900, when he established himself in his present quarters on the ground floor. Subsequently the scope of his activities

were enlarged by adding an art and photo supply department. In 1907 his stock and fixtures were largely destroyed by fire but he immediately repaired the damage and now has one of the most modern studios of the west. A skillful artist, Mr. Child closely observes the effects of light and shade in bringing out the characteristics which every conscientious photographer attempts to portray in transferring to paper the living likeness of his patrons. He is one of the directors of the People's Gas Company and is a prosperous and representative resident of the community.

On the 13th of October, 1885, Mr. Child was united in marriage to Miss Ella Stone Worsham, a native of Muscatine, Iowa, and a daughter of William Green Worsham, who was one of the old settlers of eastern Iowa and established the stage line between Keokuk and Dubuque. Mr. and Mrs. Child have two children. Maud was married in 1907 to O. B. Mathews, whom she met while they were students in Grinnell College. Mr. Mathews installed the gas plant in Grinnell and is the manager of the People's Light & Heat Company and a heavy stockholder of the concern. Arthur Leon Child, Jr., is now attending school. The family attend the Congregational church of Grinnell. Those who have regard for the true worth and value of character give to Arthur L. Child their entire respect and accord him a position of prominence in public regard in Grinnell.

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### J. H. SKEELS.

J. H. Skeels, who is a leading farrier of Poweshiek county and for sixteen years past has been proprietor of a well known blacksmith shop at Grinnell, was born in this county, March 20, 1863, a son of L. W. and Jane E. (Cole) Skeels, who arrived in Poweshiek county shortly after J. B. Grinnell founded the town of Grinnell. The father entered government land and began farming but after the close of the Civil war went to California, where he spent two years. He then returned to Poweshiek county and removed his family to Kansas, living in that state about twelve years. Once more he took up his residence in this county and here he passed the remainder of his life. He died in 1909 at the advanced age of ninety-one years. He was a republican in politics, and he and his wife were both consistent members of the Methodist church and were greatly esteemed by their neighbors and friends.

J. H. Skeels acquired his education in the common schools. He early showed that he possessed mechanical ability of an unusual order and before he reached his seventeenth year he apprenticed himself to the blacksmith's trade under Barnes Brothers in Grinnell. After finishing his apprenticeship he worked for the firm as journeyman for three years and then went to Lynnville, Iowa, where he conducted a shop on his own account for a year. He next came to Grinnell and worked for seven years for N. Vanderveer, acquiring sufficient capital so that in May, 1895, he purchased the business from his employer and has ever since conducted the shop in his own name. He is today one of the best known and most prosperous blacksmiths in Poweshiek county. He makes a specialty

of horseshoeing and general jobbing and as he has studied horseshoeing scientifically and in every detail, he is recognized as one of the most expert workmen in that line in this part of the state.

In 1880 Mr. Skeels was united in marriage to Miss Ida May Case, of Grinnell, and four children were born to them, three of whom survive, namely: William R., who is now wire chief of the Postal Telegraph Company, of Chicago, Illinois; Ethel May, the wife of W. L. Cooley, of What Cheer, Iowa; and Pearl J., who is living at home.

Mr. Skeels is in politics a progressive republican. He takes a great interest in public affairs and has served as a member of the city council from the second ward and also as a member of the board of education. He is an active worker in the Masonic order and holds membership in Herman Lodge, No. 273, A. F. & A. M., and Palestine Chapter, No. 101, R. A. M., both of Grinnell. From his boyhood he has been ambitious, energetic, industrious and highly efficient in his work, and he now enjoys the reward of his uninterrupted labors. He is esteemed by his friends and neighbors and has acquired a competency which he earned through honest labor.

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#### CHARLES E. BOSSLER.

Much credit is due Charles E. Bossler for attaining the position he holds in the agricultural community of Poweshiek county, as he has been entirely dependent upon his own resources since he was a mere lad. He was born in the vicinity of Davenport on the 8th of July, 1865, is a son of Samuel K. and Mary (Barnacle) Bossler, the father of German and the mother of German and Irish descent. The parents were born and reared in the vicinity of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and they were also married in the Keystone state. They came to Iowa at an early day, locating in Scott county, nine miles north of Davenport, where the father purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land. They resided there until 1867, in which year they removed to the farm of Mr. Bossler's sister Sarah, southeast of Malcom. After cultivating this for ten years they decided to try life still farther west and so removed to Nebraska, where they filed upon a homestead. Disposing of this in 1887 they migrated to southeastern Kansas, settling in the vicinity of Oswego, where Mr. Bossler passed away. His wife died in the western part of the state.

Charles E. Bossler was a child of two years of age when his parents came to Poweshiek county, whose district schools he attended in the acquirement of his education at such times as he could be spared from the work of the farm. He remained a member of the paternal household until he was eleven years of age when he left home to work for strangers. From that time until his marriage, at the age of twenty-five years, he worked as a farm hand. In 1890 he rented a farm in Malcom township for one year, at the expiration of which time he settled upon his present homestead of one hundred and sixty acres in Sheridan township. Here he engages in general farming but makes a specialty of feeding sheep, having a flock each year of from five to nineteen hundred, and





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several winters he has fed a thousand. He always buys western sheep and sends them to the Chicago market. Besides his sheep Mr. Bossler also raises a few cattle and hogs while his fields are given over to the cultivation of such grains as he deems best adapted for the feeding of his stock. He owns one of the excellent farms of the vicinity, the general appearance of which bespeaks the capable supervision of a competent and progressive agriculturist. The land, all of which is under cultivation, is tiled and well fenced, while his improvements are superior to those to be found on the average farm.

Mr. Bossler was married on the 24th of July, 1890, to Mrs. Emma L. Searl, a daughter of Eli P. and Sarah (Rearick) Judd. Mr. Judd was born near Rutledge, Vermont, but Mrs. Judd is a native of the state of New York, having been born and reared in the vicinity of Mill Grove, Cattaraugus county. They were married on the 31st of October, 1837, in Erie county, New York. Mr. Judd, who was a farmer, had removed to Illinois the previous year. Their domestic life began on a farm near Princeton, Bureau county, Illinois, where Mrs. Bossler was born on the 2d of November, 1847. In 1869 they migrated to Iowa, settling on a farm north of Brooklyn, in the cultivation of which Mr. Judd engaged until he retired to Malcom, where they were living when Mrs. Searl and Mr. Bossler were married. Mr. Judd passed away in Chicago on the 9th of May, 1894, on his way home from Florida, where he had been spending the winter. His wife, who passed her ninety-second anniversary on the 5th of June, 1911, has very good health for one of her years and makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Jacob Teraberry of Malcom. Mr. and Mrs. Bossler had one child, which died in infancy.

His political allegiance Mr. Bossler accords the democratic party and has served on the district school board for twelve years. Both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church of Malcom and are well and favorably known in the community where they have spent a large portion of their lives.

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### WILLIAM JARVIS JOHNSON.

William Jarvis Johnson, a retired business man, of Malcom, was born in Baltimore, Maryland, March 15, 1840, a son of William H. and Sarah (Couter) Johnson, natives of Maryland. That state was also the birthplace of Mr. Johnson's maternal grandparents and likewise of his paternal grandmother. The paternal grandfather, James Johnson, was a native of Philadelphia and served as a soldier of the War of 1812. The father, William H. Johnson, was a hatter by trade, and he and his wife both passed away in Baltimore during the childhood of the subject. In their family were six children, of whom William Jarvis Johnson was the eldest. The others were as follows: Laura, deceased; Edwin, of Baltimore; Samuel; Emma, who married George Thayer, of Baltimore; and Washington, also deceased.

When a little lad of seven years William Jarvis Johnson went to Wheeling, West Virginia, and there took up his abode with his paternal grandmother, with whom he continued to reside for ten years. Upon her death in 1857 he came

with an uncle to Iowa, locating first in Davenport, and in the following year began working at the carpenter's trade, which he followed until 1862. In that year he responded to the country's call for troops, enlisting from Davenport, on the 13th of August, as a soldier of Company E, Twentieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He served until honorably discharged at Clinton, Iowa, on the 31st of August, 1865, and during this period took part in all of the engagements of his regiment.

He returned to Davenport and then in June, 1866, went to Brooklyn, where he engaged in merchandising until August of that year, when he sold out and came to Malcom, here erecting the first house in the town. He also opened the first store here on the 15th of September, 1866, and was made the first postmaster. Two years later, however, in 1868, he sold his business and resigned the office of postmaster to accept the position of agent for the Rock Island Railroad Company at Malcom. He was the second agent here and continued in that capacity until January 1, 1882, when he was elected treasurer of Poweshiek county, thus serving for three terms or six years. In 1892 he returned to Malcom and in the following year, in connection with O. F. Dorrance and O. H. Leonard, of Brooklyn, purchased the Malcom Bank. This relationship continued for five years, during which period Mr. Johnson acted as cashier, owning a half or controlling interest in the business. In 1898 he purchased the interest of his partners and remained the sole owner of the bank until August 7, 1905, when he sold out to the Malcom Savings Bank.

He was deeply interested in the affairs of the institution of which he was the proprietor and inaugurated a system and policy which at all times commanded the confidence and patronage of the general public. At the same time he regarded the demands of every individual depositor as something to which he should give his attention and his opinions were frequently sought by patrons of the bank. On selling the bank he withdrew from active business and is now living retired. For a time, however, he served as a director of the Malcom Savings Bank, but his present connection therewith is merely that of a stockholder. He is the owner of a quarter section of land south of the town, and as a result of his well directed efforts of former years he is now ranked among the men of affluence of Poweshiek county.

Mr. Johnson was united in marriage, on the 31st of August, 1862, to Miss Ann Elizabeth Bentley, who was born in Fishkill, New York, June 2, 1840, and in 1856 came west with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Bentley. Unto this union have been born six children, namely: Ella K., a graduate nurse of Johnstown, Pennsylvania; Clifton L., who was killed by a horse in Montezuma on the 18th of December, 1882; May Elizabeth, a graduate of the medical department of Grinnell College, who passed away July 18, 1895, when twenty-three years of age; Grace Ethel, whose death occurred in 1874; Edith Estella, who died in 1886 when nine years and seven months old; and George Sterling, a twin brother of Edith Estella, who is now advertising manager for the Des Moines Capital.

Fraternally Mr. Johnson is a Mason, holding membership in Lily Lodge, No. 254, A. F. & A. M., of Malcom; Hyssop Chapter, No. 50, R. A. M., of Malcom; and Oriental Commandery, No. 22, K. T., of Newton, Iowa. He is



also a member of Wisner Post, No. 127, G. A. R., of Montezuma, Iowa. Politically he is a staunch republican and aside from the position of county treasurer has held many town and school offices, serving as president, treasurer or director of the school board for many years. Ever public-spirited in his citizenship, he may truly be numbered among the community's builders, for he has been identified with the history of Malcom from the beginning, and while his efforts have been rewarded by a most substantial individual success, they have at the same time been potent factors in the development of the community at large and he is today recognized as one of the most substantial and representative citizens of Malcom.

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### ULYSSES MERTON REED.

Ulysses Merton Reed, the present attorney for Poweshiek county, is thus actively connected with a profession which has an important bearing upon the progress and stable prosperity of any section or community, and one which has long been considered as conserving the public welfare by furthering the ends of justice and maintaining individual rights.

He is a native son of Indiana, his birth occurring in Delaware county on the 11th of November, 1874. His parents were H. H. and Emma (Heath) Reed, the former born in Henry county, Indiana, January 13, 1853, and the latter in Delaware county on the 23d of October, 1856. They brought their family to Brooklyn in March, 1882, and located on a farm about four and half miles north of the town, where they resided until 1898, when they went to Pipestone, Minnesota, where the mother passed away a year later. Mr. Reed still survives and makes his home in Minneapolis. For a number of years he was engaged in farming and merchandising. He served as postmaster of Brooklyn for four years during the administration of President Harrison, but the past fifteen years have been devoted to the real-estate business, in which he has met with most substantial success. His family consisted of nine children, of whom the subject of this review was the eldest.

Coming with his parents to Brooklyn when a lad of eight years Ulysses Merton Reed has since made this his place of residence. His education, which had been begun in Indiana, was continued in the schools of this town, and in 1892 he graduated from the Brooklyn high school. He was a student at Grinnell College for one year, and for a similar period attended De Pauw University at Greencastle, Indiana. His legal knowledge was received under the direction of Judge John T. Scott, in whose office Mr. Reed read law, and he was admitted to the bar in May, 1899, six months after his preceptor was elected to the bench. He at once opened an office in Brooklyn and it was not long before he was accorded a most gratifying patronage, his clientage continuously increasing as his ability to successfully handle important legal questions became recognized. He was thus engaged in general practice until his election, in 1910, to the office of county attorney, since which time he has given his attention to the duties of that office.

Along with those qualities indispensable to the lawyer—a keen, rapid, logical mind plus the business sense—he combines a ready capacity for hard work and a thorough grasp of the law and the ability to correctly apply its principles. His preparation of his case is thorough, for at no time has his reading ever been confined to the limitation of the questions at issue. It has gone beyond and compassed every contingency and provided not alone for the expected but for the unexpected, which happens in the courts quite as frequently as out of them.

Mr. Reed was married, in April, 1898, to Miss Bernice A. Whitcomb, a native of Poweshiek county and a daughter of Horace and Rosetta Whitcomb. They are the parents of three children: Harold, Helen and Frances. Fraternally Mr. Reed is a Master Mason, while his professional relations are with the Iowa State Bar Association. He is an active and helpful member of the Methodist Episcopal church and his political belief is that of the republican party. Although numbered among the younger members of the bar he has nevertheless won for himself favorable criticism from the bench and bar for the careful and systematic methods which he has followed, and is ranked among the most successful attorneys of Poweshiek county.

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#### WILLIAM BOLEN.

One of the representative stockmen and public-spirited citizens of Madison township is William Bolen, who is a native of Poweshiek county, his birth having occurred in Sheridan township on the 12th day of January, 1874, his parents being Michael and Elizabeth Ann (Thompson) Bolen. The father was born and reared in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, but was of Irish extraction, while the mother was a native of Quebec, Canada, and of Scotch descent. They came to Iowa in 1869, first locating upon a farm in Madison township, which they cultivated for a year, and then removed to Sheridan township, settling upon a place a mile east of the present homestead of their son Edward. They continued to reside there for twenty-seven years, at the expiration of which period they retired to Tama, Tama county, Iowa, where the father passed away on the 1st of February, 1907. The mother, however, is still living and makes her home in Tama. Mr. Bolen was a veteran of the Civil war, having enlisted in Company K, Sixty-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry, with which he went to the front, and he remained in the service for three years and six months, during which time he participated in twenty-six of the most severe battles of the war. Upon receiving his discharge at the expiration of his period of enlistment he immediately reenlisted and served until the close of hostilities.

William Bolen was reared upon the homestead where he was born, obtaining his education in the district school, and afterward he assisted his father in the cultivation of the farm until he was twenty-three years of age. He then left the parental roof to begin working for himself. He bought eighty acres of land in Sheridan township which he disposed of three months later, purchasing one hundred and twenty acres elsewhere in the same township. After cultivating

this place for six years he decided to become a citizen of Madison township, thereupon purchasing his present homestead, which consists of one hundred and sixty acres of land. In addition to the latter place he also owns one hundred and twenty acres in Sheridan township. Mr. Bolen is one of the largest and best known feeders and shippers of Madison township, as he sells annually from eight to ten carloads of stock in the Chicago market. He engages in general farming, all of his land being under cultivation, and keeps a good line of graded stock.

Mr. Bolen married Miss Sylvia Lamb on the 22d of February, 1898. Her parents, Tobias and Rachel (Humes) Lamb, were natives of Ohio and Indiana respectively. After their marriage, which occurred in Indiana, they removed to Bureau county, Illinois, locating upon a farm in the vicinity of Princeton. They subsequently came to Iowa, living in Keokuk county until 1883, when they came to Poweshiek county and located upon a farm in Malcom township. There Mr. Lamb passed away in 1901 and for nine years following Mrs. Lamb continued to reside on the homstead, but in the spring of 1910 she removed to Brooklyn, where she is now living. Mr. Lamb was a soldier of the Civil war. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Bolen have been born five children as follows: Michael, who is twelve years of age; Verner, aged ten years; Ephraim, aged eight years; Gerald, aged six years; and Gladys, who has passed the fourth anniversary of her birth. The four older children are all attending school in district No. 9, Madison township.

Fraternally Mr. Bolen is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, his local identification being with Brooklyn Lodge, No. 114, I. O. O. F., while he and his wife belong to the Rebekah lodge, of Malcom. He has always supported the candidates of the republican party and takes an active and helpful interest in local politics, having served for a number of years as a school director in district No. 9, Madison township, and at the present time he is also acting as assessor and trustee and was at one time township clerk. A man of sound judgment and practical ideas in addition to the capable discharge of his private affairs he finds time to assist in the management of the township, where he is highly regarded as a citizen and business man.

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### EDWARD BRAINERD BRANDE.

Edward Brainerd Brande, well known in business circles of Grinnell in connection with the wholesale lumber trade, has been associated with the firm of B. J. Carney & Company since 1907, and previous to that time was identified with the predecessors of the present firm. He is a man of enterprising spirit and his progress in commercial circles has been the legitimate sequence of close application and untiring industry.

Mr. Brande was born in Elkhorn, Wisconsin, August 24, 1866, a son of Thomas and Isabella Brande. The removal of the family to Iowa enabled the son to continue his education in the Grinnell high school, from which he was graduated on the 14th of June, 1881. He afterward spent three years as a

student in Grinnell College and two years in the State University of Iowa, thus being well equipped by a thorough educational training for the practical and responsible duties of life.

His early business connection was with John Moore & Company, manufacturers, of Chicago, Illinois, with whom he was associated for five years, or from 1888 until 1893. In the latter year he became bookkeeper for Carney Brothers, lumber dealers of Grinnell, and following a change in the ownership of the business, leading to the assumption of the firm name of Carney, Brande & Clark, he became one of the executive heads of the business, which was carried on under that style until 1907. A reorganization led to the adoption of the firm name of B. J. Carney & Company. For eighteen years Mr. Brande has been associated with this business, which is one of the important wholesale lumber enterprises of central Iowa. Its trade connections now cover a wide territory and the business has constantly increased under the able direction of Mr. Brande and his associates. Actuated by that laudable ambition which is ever the stimulus of endeavor in business, he has gradually worked his way upward and now occupies a prominent place among the prosperous citizens of Grinnell, where he is also financially connected with the gas company.

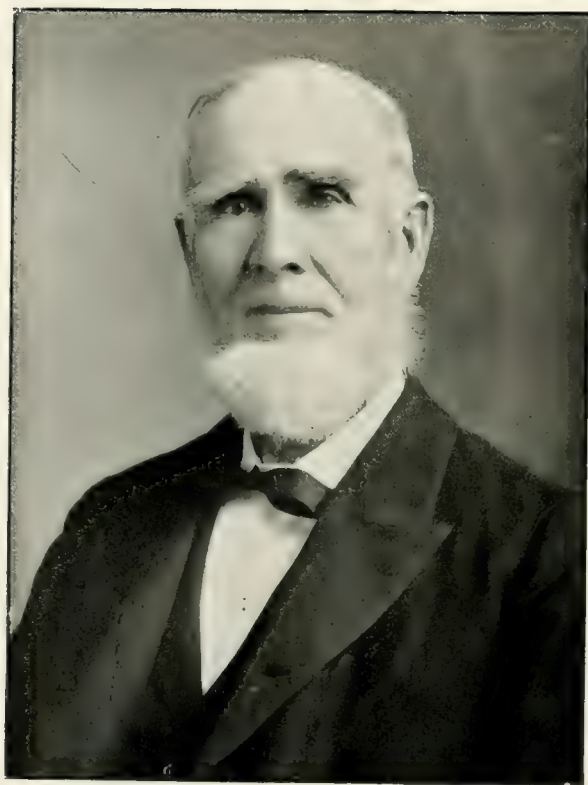
On the 25th of September, 1889, in Chicago, Mr. Brande was united in marriage to Miss Juanita A. Perley, and they have one son, Dawson, born September 3, 1890. In politics Mr. Brande is a republican, and though not an aspirant for office, keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day and is ever mindful of the duties and obligations of citizenship. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and also holds membership with the Poweshieks, the Grant Club and the Hyperion Field and Motor Club, the last two being Des Moines organizations. His business connections have made him prominently known in Grinnell and in other sections of the state and his social qualities have constantly promoted his popularity.

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#### JOEL G. HAMBLETON.

A well known resident of Searsboro, who for many years was identified with the agricultural and commercial interests of Poweshiek county, is Joel G. Hambleton, now living retired. He was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, on the 16th of September, 1824, and is a son of Benjamin and Ann (Hanna) Hambleton. The father was born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, on the farm where the battle of Brandywine was fought, on the 15th of March, 1780, while the birth of the mother occurred in Campbell county, Virginia, on the 30th of July, 1797. Mr. Hambleton was a miller by trade and in his early manhood he migrated to Ohio, where he met and married Miss Hanna, their union being solemnized in 1815. They continued to reside in the Buckeye state until 1864, when they came to Poweshiek county, Iowa, locating in Sugar Creek township, two miles east of Searsboro. There the father died on the 22d of April, 1865, but the mother survived until the 10th of March, 1867. Mr. Hambleton always





JOEL G. HAMBLETON



voted with the whigs until that party was merged into the republican, after which he affiliated with the latter organization. In matters religious he always remained true to the faith in which he had been reared, which was that of the Society of Friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Hambleton were the parents of ten children: Rachel, who was born on the 14th of October, 1816, and died in January, 1864, was the wife of Elisha Dutton, to whom she was married in 1853; Osborn, who was born on the 13th of June, 1818, died on the 25th of November, 1882; Levi, born on the 4th of August, 1820, died on the 2nd of April, 1899; Catherine, is deceased; Joel G., is the next of the family; Thomas is also deceased; Martha is the wife of Henry Craver, of Marshalltown, Iowa; Esther and Sarah are both deceased; and one died in infancy.

Joel G. Hambleton was educated in the schools of Butler township, Columbiana county, Ohio, following which he worked in his father's mill and assisted in the work of the homestead until he was twenty-one years of age. He and his brother Osborn then rented the mill, which they operated until 1852. He next went to Lorain county, Ohio, where he ran a sawmill for five years. At the expiration of that time he came to Poweshiek county, Iowa, locating in Sugar Creek township in the spring of 1857. He lived on his brother Levi's farm there for six years, and then bought a farm, which he cultivated until the Iowa Central Railroad was built. Withdrawing from agricultural pursuits at that time, he engaged in the lumber business at Searsboro with his brother Levi but still resided on the farm. Later they extended the scope of their business to include the grain trade. In 1874, however, Levi Hambleton sold his interest to Messrs. Craver and Steele, the firm then being reorganized under the name of J. G. Hambleton & Company, so continuing until 1876, when the partnership was dissolved. Joel G. Hambleton, however, continued to deal in grain and coal until 1879. In that year he sold his elevator and through the two subsequent years bought grain for Morse & Whitney. He then removed to Searsboro and for three years filled the position of postmaster at that place. He next gave his attention to his farms until the last one was sold three years ago. He is now living retired, receiving a sufficient income from his property and investments to enable him to live in comfort and free from care or responsibility.

On the 30th of March, 1851, Mr. Hambleton was united in marriage to Miss Phoebe Cooper, a daughter of Whitson and Rachel (Erskine) Cooper, of Clearfield county, Pennsylvania. Her father was born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, and her mother in Clearfield county. Mr. Cooper died when his daughter Phoebe was a child of ten years. An active, public-spirited man, he always took an interest in all political affairs. To Mr. and Mrs. Hambleton were born three sons: Orlando, who is deceased; Linden, who is living in Ottumwa, Iowa; and Thomas F., who died at the age of three years. On the 30th of March, 1911, Mr. and Mrs. Hambleton celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of their marriage.

In matters politic Mr. Hambleton has ever given his support to the men and measures of the republican party. He has always met the responsibilities of citizenship by assuming his share of the governmental duties. While living in Sugar Creek township he served for twenty-five years as treasurer of the school board, three terms as township trustee and one as clerk. He also served as

mayor of Searsboro for six years and for one term he was a member of the board of county supervisors, and for three years acted as postmaster under President Arthur. During his younger days he took an active interest in the work of the Good Templars, thus expressing his views on temperance, and he also belonged to the Grange. In matters of religion he has always clung to the faith of his forefathers and is a birthright member of the Hicksite branch of the Society of Friends. He possesses many of the fine characteristics of his Scotch ancestors and has striven to maintain in all of his relations of life, both public and private, the fine principles which have won him the high regard of all with whom he has had transactions.

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### GERSHOM HYDE HILL, A. M., M. D.

Gershom Hyde Hill needs little introduction to the readers of this volume, for he became widely known in the state as assistant superintendent and superintendent of the State Hospital for the Insane at Independence and is prominent now as a private practitioner and as one of the proprietors of The Retreat, a private hospital for the treatment of nervous and mild mental disorders in Des Moines. His accomplishments in the practice of his profession have been of signal service to humanity and his investigations and researches have constituted valuable contributions to scientific knowledge. But while he regards the practice of his profession as his chief life work, it does not exclude his active assistance along lines of public progress for municipal reform or in support of temperance, educational and church movements.

Iowa numbers Dr. Hill among her native sons, his birth having occurred at Garnavillo, Clayton county, May 8, 1846. His parents were Rev. James Jeremiah and Sarah Elizabeth (Hyde) Hill. The ancestral history of the family is traced back to the year in which America was discovered. The lord mayor of London in 1492 was Sir Roland Hill, who was the first Protestant to attain that position. Three hundred years later another Sir Roland was the originator of the penny postal system in England. In early colonial history the name of Hill is often found. William, called one of the founders of New England, came over in the ship William and Francis. The founder of the Maine branch of the Hill family was Peter, who came from the west of England to Biddeford in 1653. Four generations later Mark Langdon Hill figured in the activities of Phippsburg. "He was a successful shipbuilder, owner and merchant, at one time judge of the court of sessions, postmaster, chairman of the board of selectmen for many years, held other town offices, was a prominent member of the Congregational church. He was always a conspicuous man, was a trustee of Bowdoin College, served in the general court of Massachusetts and in the United States house of representatives. He was notably condescending, affable and courteous, which were natural traits in his character."

On his father's side Dr. Hill descended from James McCobb, who was captain of a company of the militia of Massachusetts during the Revolutionary war and also a chairman of the committee of safety, inspection and correspondence



for the town of Georgetown, Massachusetts (now Maine), and a recognized patriot, taking an active part in providing means of defense and forwarding details of soldiers to the armies in the field.

On his mother's side he is descended from Elijah Hyde, who was in November, 1776, appointed major of the Second Regiment of Connecticut Light Horse. Major Elijah Hyde's regiment of light horse reported at Stillwater, New Jersey, October 2, 1777. The following paper is recorded, signed by him: "A return of men detached from the Second Regiment Light Horse, in the state of Connecticut, to serve in the Continental army until the 15th of January next agreeable to order from Colonel Seymour, commandant. Dated, Lebanon, Connecticut, October 5, 1779. Elijah Hyde, major."

Our subject's father, James Jeremiah Hill, the youngest son of Judge Mark Langdon Hill, was born in Phippsburg, Maine, in 1815, and after mastering the branches of learning taught in the village schools pursued a preparatory course at Bridgton Academy and then entered Bowdoin College, from which he was graduated with honors in the class of 1838. He prepared for his ministry as a student in the Andover Theological Seminary and is numbered among its alumni of 1843. In the following spring he married Miss Sarah Elizabeth Hyde, who was a daughter of one of the deacons of the Old South church, a merchant and an eminent citizen. The wedding journey of the young couple was the long and arduous trip to the far west. They floated down the Ohio river to St. Louis, then proceeded up the Mississippi river to Dubuque, from which point they rode across the prairies to Garnavillo in Clayton county, a village which had been founded by pioneers from New England. Their home was among the Indians, who up to that time had remained in exclusive possession of this hunting ground. Wolves frequently made the night hideous with their howling and other wild animals were seen. Game of all kinds, including venison, wild turkeys, partridges, prairie chickens, quails, pigeons, rabbits and squirrels, was to be had in abundance. A feature of interest in the new home was the advent of a little son, Gershom Hyde, so called in honor of his maternal grandfather. This was in 1846. Two years later a second son, named James Langdon Hill for his paternal grandfather, arrived. In 1849 the Rev. Hill left Iowa and with his family went to Albany, Illinois. There the birth of a third son occurred May 29, 1852, and he was named for an uncle, Edmond Alden. The mother died the same day. In September, 1853, the Rev. Hill was married to Sarah Wells Harriman at Great Falls, New Hampshire. She was a graduate of Mount Holyoke Seminary and by her marriage she became the mother of two sons and four daughters. She proved an acceptable and efficient pastor's wife, was a kind and faithful stepmother and following her husband's death most carefully cared for her fatherless children. She passed away in Des Moines in 1896.

Continuing his ministerial labors, the Rev. James J. Hill was pastor of the Congregational church in Savanna, Illinois, in Wapello, Louisa county, Iowa, at Glencoe, Minnesota, and in 1860 removed with his family to Grinnell, Iowa, for the purpose of giving his children a college education, preaching in the meantime in the near-by churches at Montour, Green Mountain, Marietta, Albion and Genoa Bluffs. In 1865 he became the founder of the Congregational church

at Fayette, Iowa, to which place the family removed. After acting as pastor of the Fayette church for three years Mr. Hill accepted an agency for the American Missionary Association, in which work he continued to the time of his death, which occurred at Fayette, October 29, 1870, his remains being interred in Hazelwood cemetery at Grinnell, where were made the graves of his two wives and an infant son. He was a zealous and thoroughly consecrated Christian minister and an evangelistic disposition prompted him to plant churches and nurture them to the end of his days. The mother of Dr. Hill was born in Bath, Maine, in 1823. She had no brothers but two sisters, one of whom became the wife of the Rev. Edmond K. Alden, D. D., of Boston, and the other the first wife of Rev. Dr. George F. Magoun, the first president of Grinnell College. In disposition Mrs. Sarah Hill was exceedingly active, enthusiastic, philanthropic and self-sacrificing. She was devoted to her husband, her children and the work of the church.

Dr. Gershom H. Hill, educated in Iowa College (now Grinnell College), received the degree of A. B. in 1871 and that of A. M. in 1881. In 1910 he was elected a member of Chapter Beta of Iowa of the Phi Beta Kappa at Grinnell College. He completed his preparation for the practice of medicine in Rush Medical College of Chicago, from which he received his professional degree on graduation in the class of 1874. In 1878 he pursued post-graduate work in Bellevue Hospital Medical College of New York and in 1890 at the Harvard Medical School in Boston.

The Hill family came to Grinnell in the spring of 1860. Carriages brought the parents and children from the end of the Mississippi & Missouri Railroad at Iowa City. For a night or two they were entertained in the new and hospitable home of Levi, Mary and Martha Grinnell, cousins of J. B. Grinnell. It is opposite the president's house and now owned by the Hill brothers. For two years the family lived on West street, afterward on High street.

The first two summers Gershom Hill lived in Grinnell he raised corn and did other farm work on ground north of town and owned by Levi Grinnell. The next two seasons he worked by the month for Rodney Clark on a farm and in a sawmill southwest of town. During the summer of 1864 he was down in Tennessee with Professor Parker, with students and other boys in Company B, Forty-sixth Iowa Volunteers. The following summers, until he graduated, he was found in the harvest fields of the Shermans, the Fishers, Thomas Fuller and Mr. Rutherford, in Chester township. In the winters of 1860, 1861 and 1862 he attended the high school, where Parker, Beaton and Kenworthy were among the teachers. In the winter of 1863, before Gershom was eighteen years of age, he taught a district school near Green Mountain. In the winter of 1864 he drove a team for and boarded with Dr. Sears in the house lately bought by the Hill brothers as a site for a new college building. When the Hill family moved to Fayette in 1865 Gershom and James remained in Grinnell to go through college and on this condition were "given their time." Previously their earnings had gone toward the support of the family while living in Grinnell.

In the meantime there had come into his life many interesting experiences which left their impress upon his character. He was but fifteen years of age when, in 1861, he one night drove a wagonload of slaves forty miles to Marengo,

where he secretly put them in a box car billed to Canada. They were traveling on the "underground railroad," on which there were no stations between the state of Missouri and the home of J. B. Grinnell. While making preparations for, and in college, he taught three winter terms in Marshall county and two winters in Poweshiek county. On the completion of his literary and professional education he took up the practice of medicine in Moline, Illinois, where he remained for nine months, and on the 1st of December, 1874, became assistant superintendent of the State Hospital for the Insane at Independence, in which position he remained until the 1st of November, 1881.

The following is an extract from a Grinnell newspaper. "Dr. Gershom H. Hill, for seven years assistant superintendent, has been promoted to the superintendency of the insane asylum at Independence. He graduated from Iowa College in the class of 1871. In the best sense he is a self-made man, having secured his education and paid for it by his industry, 'working his way through college' and through all obstacles to his present enviable but worthily earned position. He was 'an excellent hand' and very seldom out of a job when employers had tested his quality. Many of his college friends and the people of the town will remember him in those days and have a thrill of generous, grateful pride as they learn of his recent promotion. It was not natural brilliancy or dash but a good sound mind and trustworthy judgment, with a determined purpose and industry equal to his needs, that carried him steadily forward. Few men can give a better account of their talents, time and opportunities or furnish an example more worthy. We congratulate the trustees, and ourselves as a part of the general public, that so excellent a Christian gentleman and so competent a physician has been found and charged with the care of the unfortunate insane at Independence." In 1902 the hospital contained eleven hundred patients, had two hundred names on its pay roll and possessed twelve hundred acres of good farm land, and as superintendent Dr. Hill was in charge of the various interests connected with its management, control and treatment there given to patients. The following is an extract taken from the American Journal of Insanity: "Dr. Gershom H. Hill, Medical Superintendent Iowa State Hospital for the Insane at Independence, Iowa, after twenty-eight years' service at this hospital, has sent to the board of control of the state institutions his resignation to take effect July 1, 1902. Dr. Hill proposes to enter into private practice at Des Moines, Iowa, confining himself to neurology and psychiatry. Dr. Hill has been one of the most earnest and active workers in the American Medico-Psychological Association and has, in his work among the insane in Iowa, done much to elevate the standard of care and the excellence of the work done in the institutions of that state. He has been at all times an ardent advocate of scientific work in the wards of the hospitals and in the laboratories and, although one of the older superintendents, has been as energetic and enthusiastic in this direction as have been many of the younger men in the Association. It is gratifying to learn that Dr. Hill, in severing his relations with institutional work, will still continue his relations with the Association."

Below are the resolutions of the Ministerial Association of Independence, Iowa.



"Whereas, Dr. Gershom H. Hill, superintendent, and family have concluded that their physical well-being demands that they should have a change in service, hence the resignation of the Doctor from the superintendency of the hospital for the insane of the northeastern section of the state of Iowa, a position that he has filled with distinguished credit and uninterrupted success for twenty-one years, having been the first assistant the seven years preceding:

And whereas, in the midst of the many pressing duties of this important position, he has in an unstinted way freely invested of his means, time and influence for the promotion of the interests of the kingdom of our Lord, as represented by the Young Men's Christian Association and the several churches of this city:

And whereas, in the everyday living of the Doctor and his excellent family there is a continued expression of truth and tact, courage and patience, love and helpfulness, and believing that they have always been actuated by the priceless gifts of kindness and gentleness, since they have always been observed as serving faithfully in the foremost rank of every good movement; therefore be it

Resolved, first, That we, the Young Men's Christian Association and the Ministerial Association of Independence, Iowa, tender to Dr. Hill and family at least a feeble expression of our appreciation of their inestimable services as Christian citizens. Believing that our Young Men's Christian Association might have disbanded but for the faith and courage of Dr. Hill and because of his generosity and that which his deeds have inspired in others, therefore today we have abundant reasons to thank God that our association is located in their own building free of debt. We are therefore placed under profound obligations to our heavenly Father for the exalted privilege of knowing and cooperating with this Godly family.

Resolved, second, That we will cherish in our lives a sacred memory of their earnest devotion to and faithful service for the right and will seek a holy inspiration therefrom.

Resolved, third, That we most sincerely commend them to the fellowship of the Christian forces of the city of Des Moines, forecasting for them a brilliant and an illustrious career. We believe them to be worthy of the fraternal consideration of all, and pray that grace, mercy and peace may continue with them as they go from us.

H. C. Rosenberger, president.

C. J. Shutt, secretary.

Endorsed by F. M. Devendorf, secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association.

Independence, June 30, 1902."

On resigning his position Dr. Hill removed to Des Moines, where he has since continued the practice of medicine as an alienist. In conjunction with Dr. J. C. Doolittle, on the 1st of July, 1905, he opened a private hospital in the homestead of James Callanan, Sr., comprising forty acres of natural timber used as a park, and for hospital purposes he utilized all the buildings erected by Mr. Callanan for a rural home. The patronage of this retreat for nervous and mental invalids has steadily increased and the institution has become popular and prosperous. While residing in Des Moines, Dr. Hill has also maintained



an office in the Equitable building, has conducted a consultation practice in the city and state and has also served as an expert witness in cases where mental conditions need to be determined. The Retreat, as its name implies, is a quiet and secluded place for tired and discouraged people to rest. Everything there is made attractive, cheerful and homelike, and physicians, business men and others who have visited the place unanimously declare it to be ideal for its present use. Indoors the life is like that of a large, orderly, agreeable family. Outdoor life is indulged in as much as possible. There is every equipment for the care and treatment of patients according to the most modern scientific methods and many cures have been effected under the influences and through the treatment that is here accorded.

For many years Dr. Hill was president of the Buchanan County Medical Society and later held the same office in the Austin-Flint Medical Society. He is a member of the Polk County, of the Des Moines Pathological and of the Iowa State Medical Societies, also of the Congress of American Physicians and Surgeons, of the American Medical Association, the American Academy of Medicine and the American Medico-Psychological Association. He is likewise a member of the staff of physicians and surgeons of the Iowa Methodist Hospital. He has done excellent work as an educator, serving for sixteen years as lecturer on mental diseases in the State University of Iowa. The president of that institution under date of September 28, 1906, wrote him as follows: "It gives me, personally and officially, sincere regret not to have you continue on our staff. I know that many members of the regents and faculty feel in the same way. We understand that we are indebted to you for practically free service for many years. For some time there has been a regulation that one upon our staff in the College of Medicine should not also be upon the staff of another college. We have winked at the enforcement of this regulation since you became a member of the staff at Drake. Of course we have nothing but kindly feelings toward Drake, but the general principle is one that in the long run it is probably just as we should have. The board of control has been good enough to favor the beginning of co-ordination between their institutions and the educational institutions. It was thought, therefore, that it would be helpful to have one of their superintendents serve us, and so the regents have offered a lectureship for the ensuing year to Dr. Witte. Hoping that the relinquishment of your active lectureship may not mean that we shall not see you from time to time and have some word of cheer and expert counsel, believe me,

Your sincere friend,

George E. MacLean."

Since 1903 Dr. Hill has been professor of mental diseases in the College of Medicine of Drake University. He is also president of the Des Moines Association of the Alumni of Grinnell College and a member of the Des Moines Association of Alumni of Chicago University.

On the 9th of January, 1879, Dr. Hill was married, in Lynn, Massachusetts, to Louisa Bliss Ford, a daughter of Richard Ford, a retired merchant. Her only living brother is also a merchant in Malden, Massachusetts. Mrs. Hill completed her education in the Massachusetts Normal School at Salem and for seven years taught in the graded schools of Lynn. Their only child, Julia

Ford Hill, born in the State Hospital at Independence, in 1886, is a graduate of the West Des Moines high school and of Grinnell College and became a student in the medical college of Drake University in 1909.

Dr. Hill is entitled to wear the Grand Army button, inasmuch as he served as a private in Company B, Forty-sixth Iowa Infantry, in the Civil war. He enlisted in May, 1864, and served as a hundred-day man at Collierville, Tennessee, under command of David B. Henderson of Dubuque. In 1902 he became a member of Crocker Post, No. 12, G. A. R., and served as its commander in 1910. Few men with such active and important professional interests as claim the attention of Dr. Hill find time for the helpful cooperation in public affairs which he displays. In many ways, however, he has aided in general progress and improvement. He has been a trustee of Grinnell College since 1888, was president of the board of directors of the Young Men's Christian Association at Independence, Iowa, for several years prior to 1903, and since that time has been a member of the executive council of the Associated Charities of the City of Des Moines, of which organization he is the chief executive officer. This indicates his benevolent and humanitarian spirit, which finds expression in many individual ways of helpfulness outside of organized systems of benevolence. Through home training and by preference he is a Congregationalist, although while living in Independence he was a member of and elder in the Presbyterian church. He is now serving as a deacon in the Plymouth Congregational church of Des Moines and is the leader of the Business Men's Class in the Plymouth Sunday school. His club and society relationships are with the University, the Congregational, the Commercial and the Prairie Clubs and with the Ben Franklin Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. He likewise belongs to the Des Moines City Club, which undertakes to secure the nomination of the best men available, also honest voting and correct returns every two years when the city council is elected. He is a progressive republican and a member of the Grant Club. A total abstainer from the use of tobacco and liquor, he at all times advocates temperance, reform and improvement and is in favor of municipal ownership of public utilities. He is well known as the president of the State Anti-Saloon League of Iowa. He is a believer in Des Moines and her future and never fails to speak a good word for the city at a timely hour. His life work in all of its phases has been characterized by advancement and by far-reaching helpfulness and influence. Frankness, faithfulness, honesty and stability are marked characteristics.

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#### JOHN A. MAXWELL.

The family of which J. A. Maxwell is a representative derived its name from the precinct of Maxwellton, Dumfriesshire, Scotland, whose "bonnie braes" are famed in song as the setting for the beautiful old Scotch ballad: "Annie Laurie." The old Maxwellton House, the birthplace of Annie Laurie, is now owned by the Laurie family. All of the clan residing within the precinct of Maxwellton took the name of Maxwell, and representatives of the family are



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often recognized by the tall, angular, muscular physique and sandy complexion which are strongly marked and distinguishing features of that clan. The first progenitor of the family in America was John Maxwell, who with his brother, James, came to this country in colonial days, landing at Jamestown, Virginia. They both served in the Revolutionary war, and later John Maxwell took up his abode in Kentucky, locating at Lexington, where the John Maxwell springs were named in his honor. Thomas Maxwell, the son of John Maxwell, was born in the Blue Grass state, served as a private in the latter part of the war of 1812 and in early life made his way to Indiana and subsequently to Illinois. His son, Thomas Maxwell, Jr., the father of our subject, was born in Kentucky on the 8th of March, 1815, and was a little lad when his parents went to Indiana. In 1824 the family home was established in Sangamon county, Illinois, and five years later a removal was made to Knox county, that state. He was married in the latter county, on the 6th of March, 1836, to Miss Rhoda Hodges, who was born in Tennessee on the 5th of September, 1850. In the following year they went to Missouri where they spent one summer, and while there their first child was born, its birth occurring in Polk county. They returned to Knox county, Illinois, in 1838, and in 1841 went to Texas, which at that time had not yet been admitted to the Union. In the winter of 1843 they again went to Knox county, and in 1844 made their way to Henry county, Illinois, where they resided until 1867. Another summer was then spent in Missouri, after which they returned to Knox county to establish a permanent home, there remaining until their decease. The father was a farmer by occupation, engaging very extensively in agricultural pursuits, and was the owner of a half section of valuable land. He was a democrat in politics and held several township offices, including that of trustee, assessor and justice of the peace, and he also held a county office. He was reared in the Universalist faith, although he was not affiliated with any church organization, and his wife was a Freewill Baptist. Following the example set by his father and grandfather before him he responded readily to the call of his country for assistance when in need of military aid, taking part in the Black Hawk war, and he also served throughout the Mexican war. He was killed accidentally while crossing some railroad tracks on the 8th of May, 1890, being survived for a number of years by his wife, who passed away on the 1st of September, 1908. Their family consisted of eleven children, as follows: Lucinda, who married T. Murphy and passed away in December, 1910, in Henry county, Illinois; Reuben, of Adams county, Illinois; Susan T., who married P. J. Mintell, of Grinnell; Ellen, the widow of Charles Smith, of Henry county, Illinois; W. H., of Ree Heights, South Dakota; John A., of this review; Harriett E., the wife of George Reed, of Hugo, Colorado; Amanda, who married John Maxwell and passed away in 1879; Charles E., of Park, Texas; James, who passed away in 1856; and Robert E., whose death occurred in 1861.

John A. Maxwell, whose name introduces this sketch, was born in Henry county, Illinois, on the 9th of January, 1848, and there the first twenty years of his life were passed. He spent the winter of 1867 in Missouri, and again in 1872 went to that state. In September, 1875, he arrived in Malcom township, Poweshiek county, within whose borders he has since made his home. Reared

to rural life, he early chose as his life's vocation that occupation which George Washington once designated as the "most useful as well as the most honorable" work a man could do, and for more than a half century, or for fifty-four consecutive years, he has engaged in general agricultural pursuits, during which period he has taken a place among the most progressive, substantial and prosperous farmers of the county. Upon entering business circles on his own account he rented large tracts of land, which he continued to operate in that capacity until about three years ago, when he purchased his present home, consisting of seventy acres adjoining the town of Malcom. This place, which is highly improved, its value being greatly enhanced by the fine buildings which stand within the corporation limits of the town, is one of the desirable properties of the community. Aside from the care which he bestows upon his fields he gives a great share of his time and attention to his stock-raising interests, selling over a thousand dollars' worth of hogs each year. All of the grain raised upon his farm is fed to his stock and he has never had occasion to buy corn or other produce. He has always handled a high grade of stock, which has commanded for him ready sales and good prices upon the market, and his carefully managed business interests have proved a source of most substantial and gratifying annual revenue.

Although his private affairs have demanded a large portion of his attention, he has nevertheless found time to participate in the public life of the community and has ever taken a deep and helpful interest in its welfare and growth. He gives stalwart allegiance to the democratic party and has been called upon at times to fill various public offices. For three terms he served as justice of the peace. He has been assessor for a number of terms and has held school offices throughout almost the entire period of his residence in Poweshiek county. His fellow citizens in recognition of his high personal worth and his public-spirited citizenship, have bestowed upon him the highest honor in their power to give, electing him to the office of mayor of the town in April, 1910. In the capacity of chief executive he is giving the community a business-like, progressive and beneficial administration, in which he has inaugurated many needed reforms and improvements, and he has performed the duties of his office with an efficiency which indicates that the choice for the position was well made. Malcom is fortunate in having for its mayor a progressive, liberal-minded man whose life, whether in political, business or private relations, has ever been actuated by high principles and noble purposes.

On the 10th of January, 1869, Mr. Maxwell was united in marriage to Miss Louise Bick, who was born in Ohio on the 27th of January, 1850, and when but three years of age went to Illinois with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Bick. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell have been born five children, as follows: Catherine, the wife of George Pierce, of Washington township; Charles M., of Grinnell; Jennie J., the wife of Verner Brown, of Walla Walla, Washington; Athelia, who married Andrew Schultz, of Malcom township; and Cora L., the wife of Forest Rector, of Perry, Iowa. They have also reared an adopted son, W. W. Luellen, now residing with them.

In fraternal circles Mr. Maxwell is identified with the Masonic order at Grinnell and with the Knights of Pythias lodge at Malcom. He and his wife

are very popular in the social circles of Malcom and their attractive home is the center of a large circle of congenial friends.

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### AMOS L. FALKINBURG.

Amos L. Falkinburg, now living retired in Malcom, is one of Poweshiek county's native sons, his entire life being spent within its boundaries. His birth occurred about three miles southwest of Malcom, in Pleasant township, on the 19th of January, 1868, a son of James and Isabelle (Smalley) Falkinburg.

The father, who was born in Germany on the 26th of April, 1823, came to the United States with his parents when eight years of age, the family home being established in Kentucky. Later he removed to Ohio and was there married, in Brown county, to Miss Isabelle Smalley, who was born in Virginia in 1827. In 1859 they came to Poweshiek county, Iowa, and here the father was engaged in agricultural pursuits for a number of years, being the owner of a good farm of two hundred acres located in Pleasant township. In the fall of 1906 he removed to Nebraska, and there he passed away in April of the following year. His wife's death occurred in this county in August, 1893. In their family were five children, namely: Harry, of Clay Center, Nebraska; Della, the wife of L. H. Nutting, of Davenport, Iowa; Eugene, who passed away in March, 1887, at the age of thirty-one years, leaving a widow and one child; J. W., of Lebanon, Kansas; and Amos L., of this review.

Spending the period of his boyhood and youth amid the scenes and environment of rural life, the last named early became familiar with the tasks that usually fall to the lot of the country lad, learning the best methods of plowing, planting and harvesting. Upon attaining his majority he wisely chose as his life work the occupation to which he had been reared, and he followed farming in his native township until 1896, in the spring of which year he took up his abode in Bear Creek township, on a farm northeast of Malcom. There he carried on agricultural pursuits for twelve years, during which time his success was continuous and substantial. He was an extensive stock-breeder, making a specialty of thoroughbred hogs, and raised as high as six hundred head of hogs per year. This branch of his interests proved remunerative and he became widely known throughout this and adjoining counties as a raiser of high grade stock. Subsequently the degree of prosperity which he had attained made it possible for him to withdraw from the arduous work of the farm and since February 17, 1908, he has made his home in Malcom, enjoying in well earned rest the fruits of his former years of toil. He still retains the ownership of his farm, however, and in connection with his wife owns four hundred and eighty-six acres of well improved land, the rental from which proves a gratifying source of revenue.

In 1895 Mr. Falkinburg was united in marriage to Miss Emma Francis, a native of Bear Creek township, where her birth occurred on the 19th of October, 1872. Her parents were James L. and Margaret (Cochran) Francis, both of



whom were born in Adams county, Ohio, the former on the 13th of August, 1826, and the latter on the 26th of July, 1829. Both removed to Illinois with their parents in early life, and in La Salle county, that state, were united in marriage. In February, 1867, they came to Poweshiek county, Iowa, where their home was maintained throughout their remaining years. Mr. Francis followed the occupation of tanner in early life, but during his later years gave his attention to agricultural pursuits, owning at one time the farm which is now the property of our subject. He was killed by a runaway horse while on a visit to California, his death occurring on the 4th of April, 1903, he having for a number of years survived his wife, who passed away in Poweshiek county January 19, 1894. Their family numbered nine children, as follows: John W., of Victor; Thomas M., of St. Joseph, Missouri; Moses C., of Bear Creek township; Edward D., deceased; Mrs. Dellah M. Coleman, also deceased; Mrs. Keturah E. Tinker, also residing in Bear Creek township; Sam S., of Newell; Mrs. Dora A. Roby, of Malcom township; and Mrs. Falkinburg.

In politics Mr. Falkinburg is identified with the independent movement which refuses to be bound by any party ties or governed by machine rule, and since age conferred upon him the right of franchise he has never voted a straight ticket, casting his influence ever on the side of the best men and most desirable measures. He is now serving as a member of the city council of Malcom and in this capacity is laboring earnestly for the public welfare, being actuated at all times by public-spirited and helpful motives. Fraternaly he belongs to the Masonic body, being identified with the blue lodge and the Royal Arch Masons, and he also holds membership with the Knights of Pythias and also the Pythian Sisters. Having passed his entire life within the borders of Poweshiek county, he has acquired a large circle of friends and acquaintances, and that many who have known him the longest are numbered among his staunchest friends is indicative of the fact that his life has ever been governed by honorable and upright principles.

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### THOMAS HARRIS.

Among the pioneer settlers of Poweshiek county none occupied a more prominent place in the estimation of the people than Thomas Harris, now deceased. A man of marked business ability and sterling personal worth he assisted materially in upbuilding the county and left the world better for his having lived in it.

He was born at Barnstable, Massachusetts, October 14, 1832. His father was Thomas Harris, a sea captain, and after the son reached manhood he followed sea life for several years. He yielded to the excitement aroused by the California gold discovery and visited the Pacific coast, going via Cape Horn. After spending two years in the gold fields he returned home and was married and in 1856 landed in Iowa City, Iowa, and for almost fifty years from that time was a citizen of this state. It is interesting to note that he came on foot to what was then known as Dresden, in Poweshiek county, and later bought one



hundred and sixty acres of land in Deep River township on which he established his home. He broke the prairie with the aid of an ox team and disposed of his produce in the early days at the nearest market point, which was Iowa City. He was a man of industrious habits and good judgment and he was soon acknowledged as a leader in the community, becoming one of its most prosperous members. In 1876, while still living on his farm, he and his brother Charles entered the grain and lumber business as T. Harris & Company, with which he was prominently identified during the remainder of his life, also being extensively interested in farms and ranches in various parts of the west. From 1881 he lived in Montezuma. He was president of the First National Bank of Montezuma and in all the relations of life discharged his responsibilities in a manner that indicated a constant desire to perform his duties in accordance with the principles of truth and justice.

On October 15, 1854, Mr. Harris was united in marriage at Hampden, Maine, to Miss Maria S. Mayo, and to this union three children were born: Samuel, who died in infancy; N. M., whose record appears elsewhere in this work; and Sarah E., who became the wife of John McDonald. The mother of these children having passed away March 2, 1867, Mr. Harris was again married November 5, 1868, to Miss Sarah Dodds, of Washington, Iowa. Six children were born of this union, all of whom are now living except Wilber, who died February 28, 1885.

Politically Mr. Harris was identified with the republican party and for many years was a prominent factor in its local councils. He served in various township offices and also for two terms as county supervisor. In 1902 he was elected as a member of the state legislature and soon acquired a high standing in that body as a man of ability and honor. In religious belief he affiliated with the Methodist church, of which he became a member in 1857. He served for many years as trustee of the church and was always a liberal contributor toward its support. He was a conscientious and consistent follower of the great Master.

After a lingering illness from cancer of the stomach Mr. Harris was called from earthly scenes October 5, 1904, having then arrived at the age of seventy-one years, eleven months and twenty-one days. He died as a Christian, with an undimmed faith in immortality, one of his last expressions being: "All is well and I am resigned to the will of my Father."

A newspaper of Poweshiek county in commenting upon the life and character of Mr. Harris said: "Were we called upon to pronounce a eulogy upon the life and character of Thomas Harris we would say that he was a man of such push, perseverance, and indomitable will, as to overcome obstacles and to remove obstructions to progress. He was a man who had the courage to sail round Cape Horn nearly one-half a century before the Oregon made her famous trip. He had the courage to dare the wilds of the frontier in '56, and build for himself a home on the outposts of civilization. He conquered the prairie sod and laid low the native timber from which the joists and other dimension stuff of the old portion of our courthouse was constructed. His thrift and industry was seen in everything he touched. In his maturer years, having conquered want and won a competency, he became interested in various industries. He was a man of quick perception and clear discernment and his interests broadened until he was

doing a large and diversified volume of business. His elevators in Iowa and Nebraska were busy. His stock ranches in Nebraska, Kansas and Texas were carefully managed and yielded him rich returns. His lumber business in Montezuma and elsewhere was safely handled, while his large banking interests were well looked after. With all these cares, he was ever a willing and attentive listener when the most humble of his friends had anything to say. He was an ardent Methodist, a trustee for years, a liberal giver, but never a complainer. His daily walk and conversation stamped him as a man. At the time of his death he was a member of the thirtieth general assembly and always represented the better element in society. He was a standing exponent of reform. Well has he done his life work, and well for us if we follow his example. Space forbids us to say more and we could not have said less, concerning this public man 'who lived above the fog in public duty and in private thinking.' "

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#### GEORGE W. BINEGAR.

Poweshiek county has been signally favored in the class of men who have filled her public offices, for on the whole they are those to whom the word citizenship is no mere idle term. They have been faithful to the duties and obligations devolving upon them and of this class George W. Binegar is a representative, faithfully and fearlessly discharging the duties of the office of sheriff.

He was born in Guernsey county, Ohio, June 20, 1844, and is a son of James and Elizabeth (Farmer) Binegar, both of whom were natives of Ohio, where they resided until they came to Iowa in 1849, driving across the country in wagons drawn by three teams. They settled at Forest Home, Union township, Poweshiek county, where the father entered land, but died of fever here in the first summer after his arrival, and one of the sons of the family passed away about the same time. The mother long survived and departed this life in Scott township in 1895, when eighty-five years of age. They were the parents of eleven children, of whom seven reached adult age, while four are yet living.

George W. Binegar may well be numbered among the pioneers of Poweshiek county, for he has resided within its borders continuously since 1849, or for sixty-two years. In the early days he shared with the family in all of the hardships and privations which come to those who establish homes on the frontier. He aided in the arduous task of developing and cultivating new land and continued to follow farming until September, 1861, when, in response to the country's call for troops, he joined Company I, of the Thirteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. After serving for a year he was honorably discharged but enlisted again in February, 1863, when he became a member of Company C, Twenty-eighth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, continuing with that regiment until October 19, 1864, when he was wounded at the battle of Cedar Creek, Virginia, a minie ball piercing his left shoulder. Two or three months later he was sent home. He had participated in the battles of Shiloh, Cedar Creek, Winchester, Fisher's Hill and the Red River campaign, besides others of minor importance.

When the war was over Mr. Binegar resumed active connection with farming interests and made his home most of the time in Sugar Creek township until his removal to Scott township. There he followed farming for six years, after which he came to Montezuma, following his election to the office of sheriff in 1897. He filled the position for nine years, including four regular terms and one extra year, owing to a change in the law. He also served for four years as deputy under his son, George Edward Binegar, whose second term expired on the 1st of January, 1911. The father has filled other offices, including that of constable and township trustee. His political allegiance has always been given to the republican party and he has served as one of its local committeemen.

In 1865 Mr. Binegar was married to Miss Hulda Sheley, who was born in Guernsey county, Ohio, in 1850, and when but a few years old came to Iowa with her parents, Samuel and Margaret (Cessler) Sheley, who were natives of the Buckeye state and became early residents of Poweshiek county, where they continued to reside until called to their final rest. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Binegar were born eleven children: Charles Irwin, now living in Montezuma; Jennie, the wife of Frank Dunlap, of Knoxville, Iowa; Maggie, who died at the age of sixteen years; George Edward, who was sheriff of the county; James, who died at the age of twenty-six years; Russia, the wife of Jacob Neely, of Des Moines; Louise, the wife of Joseph Adams, of Oskaloosa, Iowa; Viola, of Minneapolis; Matthew, a resident of Des Moines; Eva, who also makes her home in Minneapolis; and Addie Gertrude, who died at the age of fourteen months.

The parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which faith they reared their family, and Mr. Binegar belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic. He has made a creditable record in business and in office and is as true and loyal to his country today as when he followed the nation's starry banner upon the battlefields of the south.

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#### ALEXANDER McBLAIN.

From the beautiful hills and vales of Scotland have come many of the most respected citizens of Iowa and in this number should be named Alexander McBlain, who established his home in Grinnell thirty years ago. Ever since his arrival in Iowa he has been closely identified with the advancement of the interests of the state and he is now serving with general acceptance as a member of the city council. He was born December 17, 1838, and is the son of David and Mary McBlain, both of whom passed their entire lives in Scotland.

Alexander McBlain received his education in the common schools of his native land and at the age of thirteen years and six months was apprenticed to the carpenter and joiner's trade. He completed his apprenticeship in four years and then began working as a journeyman. In 1881, believing that more favorable opportunities were presented in America, he came to the United States and located at Grinnell, Iowa, where he followed his trade for nearly ten years. About 1890 he turned his attention to vegetable and fruit-raising, but having acquired a competency, has not been active in business for the past five years.



In March, 1859, Mr. McBlain was united in marriage in Scotland to Miss Elizabeth Murphy, who was born in Ireland but removed to Scotland with her mother during the '50s. Twelve children came to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. McBlain, nine of whom are now living, namely: Hugh, who makes his home in Scotland; David, now an engineer in the waterworks at Grinnell; Mary, who married Herman Heesch, of Davenport, Iowa; Elizabeth, the wife of Cornelius Powell, of Grinnell; Alexander, Jr., who is now a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church at Birmingham, Iowa; Nellie, the wife of George Moss, of Young, Saskatchewan, Canada; Agnes, who married Robert Bass, of Ute, Iowa; Jean, now the wife of Joseph Punnell, of Madison, Wisconsin; and John, of Grinnell.

Mr. McBlain has reached the seventy-second milestone on life's journey and looks back on many years of activity and usefulness. He and his estimable wife have reared a large and interesting family and they are valued members of the community. Politically he gives his support to the republican party but is liberal in his views, often voting for the man irrespective of party lines. In the spring of 1909 he was elected a member of the city council and now occupies that position. In public and private affairs he has shown a capacity and a fidelity to a sense of duty which are the characteristics of a high-minded gentleman. He is greatly respected, not only by his associates, but by all with whom he comes into contact.

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### JOSEPH BABB.

Joseph Babb, who passed away in Montezuma on the 8th of January, 1910, had there lived in honorable retirement for a number of years prior to his demise, having accumulated a handsome competence as an agriculturist. His birth occurred in St. Clairsville, Ohio, on the 9th of November, 1826, his parents being Jacob and Ann (Rogers) Babb, who were natives of Virginia and Maryland respectively. The father, who was an agriculturist by occupation, came to Poweshiek county, Iowa, about 1870, locating on a farm in Deep River, where he spent the remainder of his life. He gave his political allegiance to the republican party and was a Baptist in religious faith. Unto him and his wife were born ten children, of whom our subject was the third in order of birth.

Joseph Babb obtained his education in the schools of Ohio and Illinois and worked with his father until he became of age. On attaining his majority he went to California, where he spent fifteen months as a gold miner. Subsequently he located on a farm in Bureau county, Illinois, but after disposing of the property removed to Henry county, that state, where he remained for three years. On the expiration of that period he removed to Northfield, Minnesota, where he made his home for ten years before returning to Henry County, Illinois, in June, 1866. In 1869 he came to Montezuma, Iowa, purchasing and locating on a farm of four hundred acres in Jackson township, Poweshiek county, in the cultivation of which he was actively and successfully engaged for twenty years. He then put aside the active work of the fields and took up his abode





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in Montezuma, where he lived retired until called to his final rest on the 8th of January, 1910. At the time of the Civil war he joined the army in defense of the Union, enlisting in the Fourth Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, but at the end of ten months was honorably discharged at the close of the war. Subsequently he became identified with the Grand Army of the Republic at Montezuma.

On the 16th of June, 1853, Mr. Babb was united in marriage to Miss Nancy Jane Marple, a daughter of Franklin and Jane (Ayers) Marple, of Peoria, Illinois, who were natives of Virginia and Ohio respectively. Franklin Marple removed westward to Illinois, where he was married and followed farming as a means of livelihood. His demise occurred in Minnesota in 1873, while his wife passed away in Illinois in 1844. Mr. Marple gave his political allegiance to the republican party and both he and his wife were devoted and consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Their children were seven in number, as follows: Richard, Ezekiel and Mary, all of whom are deceased; Mrs. Babb, who was born in Bureau county, Illinois, on the 29th of May, 1835; Abigail, who is the widow of Samuel Madison and resides in Northfield, Minnesota; Sarah, who is the widow of a Mr. Tripp and makes her home in St. Paul, Minnesota; and Caroline, who is deceased.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Babb were born eight children, namely: Milford, who is a resident of Jackson township, Poweshiek county; Mary, the wife of Samuel Jacobs, of Galesburg, Illinois; Willis, who has passed away; George, living in Jackson township; Harvey, of Shannon City, Iowa; Fred, who is deceased; Della, the wife of Alva Ellison; and Cynthia, the wife of Fred C. Ludeman, of Chicago, Illinois. Joseph Babb was a staunch republican in politics, while his religious faith was indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. He was upright and honorable in all the relations of life and when he passed away the community mourned the loss of one of its most substantial and esteemed citizens.

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### CHARLES E. SOWERWINE.

Charles E. Sowerwine is a wide-awake and enterprising agriculturist, owning and operating a tract of land of three hundred and twenty acres on section 11, Warren township, constituting one of the best improved farms in the township. His birth occurred on a farm three and a half miles north of Brooklyn, in Bear Creek township, Poweshiek county, on the 18th of November, 1868, his parents being John and Fannie (Searle) Sowerwine, both of whom were of German descent. Christian Sowerwine, the paternal grandfather, served in the Continental army during the Revolutionary war.

John Sowerwine, the father of our subject, was born in Virginia and learned the trade of a blacksmith and wagon maker. In the spring of 1846 he came west, locating in Bear Creek township, Poweshiek county, Iowa, two miles northeast of Brooklyn, where his father, Christian Sowerwine, purchased two hundred acres of land. John Sowerwine resided on that farm until 1850, when he went

to California, remaining in that state for eight years. On the expiration of that period he returned to Iowa and purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Bear Creek township, Poweshiek county, making his home thereon until the spring of 1888. At that time he took up his abode in Grinnell, where he worked as a blacksmith and wagon maker for three years and then removed to Brooklyn, Iowa. In 1903 he left that town and went to Newton, Iowa, where he has resided continuously since. His wife passed away in 1871, her demise occurring on the farm north of Brooklyn. John Sowerwine worked at his trade until 1907 but has enjoyed honorable retirement for the past four years. At the time of the Civil war, with five of his brothers, he offered his services to the Union. Four of them were accepted and enlisted but John Sowerwine proved disqualified because of a crippled arm. Nevertheless he served as a guard in the San Francisco harbor during the period of hostilities.

Charles E. Sowerwine spent the first seventeen years of his life under the parental roof, working for his father. Subsequently he was employed by the month as a farm hand for three years. In the acquirement of an education he had attended the district school and also studied for one year in the academy at Grinnell, Iowa. After attaining his majority he devoted his attention to the operation of a rented farm in Madison township for three years and also cultivated some land which had come into his possession as a part of his grandfather's estate. In 1892 he was married and sold his interest in the home farm, cultivating rented land in Warren township for the following three years. On the expiration of that period he bought a tract of eighty acres in Warren township, carrying on his agricultural interests thereon until 1902, when he disposed of the property and purchased his present farm of two hundred and forty acres. In 1909 he extended its boundaries by an additional purchase of eighty acres, now owning a highly improved and valuable farm of three hundred and twenty acres on section 11, Warren township. In addition to raising the cereals best adapted to soil and climate he feeds cattle, hogs, sheep and horses on an extensive scale, having a fine herd of registered Angus cattle and also a number of recorded Jersey Red hogs. He ships his stock to the Chicago market. His undertakings as an agriculturist have been attended with a gratifying measure of success and he well merits recognition among the substantial and representative citizens of the community.

On the 2d of December, 1892, Mr. Sowerwine was united in marriage to Miss Ellen Grant, a daughter of Henry and Ellen (Agerty) Grant. The father, a farmer by occupation, was born and reared in Scotland and emigrated to America in 1849, locating at Buffalo, New York. The mother, a native of Ireland, crossed the Atlantic to the United States in 1844. In September, 1854, Mr. and Mrs. Grant came to Iowa, locating one mile north of Victor, in Iowa county. They made the journey from Davenport to Koszta, Iowa county, on the same stage which carried J. B. Grinnell, who was at that time laying out the college grounds at Grinnell, Iowa, and who tried to induce them to locate in Grinnell instead of in Iowa county. In the year 1860 they took up their abode near Carnforth, in Warren township, Poweshiek county, while subsequently they removed to the old homestead on section 15, Warren township, where Mr. Grant resided until called to his final rest on the 3d of May, 1899. His widow then



took up her abode in Victor, Iowa, where she passed away on the 4th of August, 1909.

Mr. and Mrs. Sowerwine have three children, namely: John, Grace and Mary, all at home. The two last named attend district school No. 6 in Warren township. Mr. Sowerwine gives his political allegiance to the republican party and served for ten years as a member of the school boards of districts 1 and 6 in Warren township. At the present time he is a member of the board of district No. 6. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Congregational church at Hartwick, Iowa, to which his wife also belongs. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America at Victor. He has resided within the borders of Poweshiek county from his birth to the present time and the record of his life cannot fail to be of interest to many of our readers.

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### NATHANIEL CATHERMAN.

Among Poweshiek county's self-made men who deserve much credit for what they have accomplished is numbered Nathaniel Catherman, a retired farmer now making his home in Brooklyn. A native of Pennsylvania, his birth occurred in Union county on the 27th of April, 1839, his parents being William and Christina (Heise) Catherman. The father was descended from English ancestry and was a laborer by occupation, and also engaged to a limited extent in gardening, being the owner of a few acres of land. The mother was of German lineage and was a daughter of Martin Heise, who passed away when he was one hundred and seven years old. Both Mr. and Mrs. William Catherman were natives of the Keystone state and there spent their entire lives. In their family were ten children, five sons and five daughters.

Nathaniel Catherman, of this review, who was the fifth in order of birth, remained with his parents until seventeen years of age, and then began working in the pine woods of Clearfield county, in which connection he was engaged at the time of the Civil war. Putting aside all personal interests he enlisted in the Union army in 1865, becoming a member of the Twenty-ninth Pennsylvania Infantry, and with that command served for more than six months. He was then taken sick and was sent to Carver Hospital at Washington, D. C.

At the close of hostilities he was sent home but did not recover rapidly, and during a long period of convalescence was not able to resume his work in the lumber regions. Finally, in 1871, when again permitted to join the ranks of the laboring men, he came to Iowa and on the 1st of June of that year arrived in Brooklyn. He purchased a farm eight miles north of the town, in Madison township, upon which he at once took up his abode, and for more than thirty years thereafter gave to the cultivation of that property his undivided attention. The methods which he pursued were practical and resultant and during the intervening years his land was brought under a high state of development, making it one of the valuable and well improved farms in that township.

In 1902, feeling that the degree of prosperity which had come to him would permit of such a course, he withdrew from active work and came to Brooklyn, where he is now living in well earned retirement. He retains possession of his farm, however, which consists of a quarter section of land, and is the source of a gratifying annual income.

In the year 1866 Mr. Catherman laid the foundation for a happy home life by his marriage to Miss Sophia Smith, a native of Fairfield county, Pennsylvania, where she was born on the 25th of November, 1844. Her parents, George and Minerva (Graham) Smith, were lifelong residents of that state. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Catherman have been born five children, as follows: Hiram Addison, who resides in North Dakota and has five children; Emily Cordelia, the wife of Albert Lawrence, of Madison township, by whom she has one child; Mary Elmira, who married William Coolidge, of Tama county, and who is the mother of three children: Joanna, the wife of Charles McGrew, of Tama county, and the mother of three children; and Nora Blanche, who wedded George Secoy, of Sidney, Ohio. There are twelve grandchildren in the family.

Politically Mr. Catherman is a republican, having cast his first vote for Lincoln in 1860. Since that time he has supported that party in all presidential elections. For forty years he has been a resident of Poweshiek county and during that time has gained the respect and confidence of all with whom he has had dealings. Few men start out in life under more inauspicious circumstances than did Mr. Catherman, and he therefore has every reason to be proud of the position of financial independence which he has attained. Without any educational advantages whatever, for he was deprived even of the opportunity of learning to read and write, he has nevertheless utilized such opportunities as have come to him for advancement, and that his efforts were not without their reward is indicated by the degree of prosperity which is today his.

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### JAMES WAYNE COPELAND.

Agricultural pursuits have always engaged the attention of James Wayne Copeland, who has a fine homestead of one hundred and twenty-three and a half acres in Sugar Creek township. He was born in Henry county, Indiana, on the 19th of November, 1858, and is a son of William and Jane (Rose) Copeland, the father a native of North Carolina and the mother of Henry county, Indiana. When a lad Mr. Copeland migrated to Henry county, Indiana, from his native state with his father, Isam Copeland, and there pursued his education. For his vocation he chose farming which he followed in Indiana until 1864 when with his wife and family he came to Iowa. He purchased a farm in Sugar Creek township, Poweshiek county, which he cultivated for about twenty years and then removed to Union township where he resided for seven years. Disposing of his interests he and his wife went to Lynnvile, Jasper county, where they are now living retired. He votes with the republican party and the church affiliation of himself and wife is with the Society of Friends. Unto

them were born three children: James Wayne; Oscar P., who is living in Des Moines, Iowa; and Ruth Emma, the wife of Alvin James, of Lynnvile, Iowa.

After the completion of the common school course of Poweshiek county James Wayne Copeland attended the Lynnvile Academy for a few terms. His vacations and such times as he was not engaged in school work were very largely given to assisting with the duties of the homestead. After laying aside his books he gave his entire time and attention to agricultural pursuits under the direction of his father until he was twenty-two. He then left the parental roof in order to begin working for himself. Three years thereafter he rented some land in Sugar Creek township which he cultivated for two years. In 1894 he purchased his present farm upon which he has wrought many improvements during the period of his occupancy. In connection with the tilling of his fields he also raises stock, making a specialty of Duroc Jersey hogs and graded shorthorn cattle.

On the 10th of February, 1884, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Copeland and Miss Clara Jane McCalla, a daughter of Josiah and Mary (Watkins) McCalla, of Union township. The parents were both natives of Ohio, the mother having been born in the vicinity of Jamestown. In the early years of their married life they came to Poweshiek county, settling in Union township before the war. The father enlisted as a private during the Civil war and was killed in battle. The mother passed away in Union township on the 9th of May, 1888. Mr. McCalla was a republican in politics and both he and his wife held membership in the Christian church. Two children were born of their union: James, who is a resident of Sugar Creek township; and Clara Jane, now Mrs. Copeland, who was born in Union township on the 13th of November, 1861.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Copeland are identified with the Society of Friends, and he votes with the republicans. He is one of the widely known citizens of the township and by his honorable business transactions well merits the esteem and confidence reposed in him by his acquaintances.

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#### ANDREW C. RINEFORT.

The name of Rinefort has been well known in Poweshiek county for more than forty years and Andrew C. Rinefort is one of the energetic and progressive members of the family. He was born on the homestead in Chester township, this county, November 7, 1871, a son of Christian and Lucinda (Stromer) Rinefort, the former of whom was born near Frankfort-on-the-Main, Germany, and the latter at Amsterdam, Holland. The father and mother both came to this country with their parents, the Rinefort family settling on a farm in Indiana near the Michigan line, while the Stromer family stopped for a while in New York city, later removing to Michigan City, Indiana. Christian Rinefort after reaching manhood came to Poweshiek county, Iowa, and purchased two hundred acres of land in Chester township, his brother, Andrew E. Rinefort, coming with him and buying one hundred and sixty acres in the same township. In 1869 the former brought his bride to this county and settled upon the farm, and,



as the years passed, he became one of the most prominent men in this section. When he first arrived in Poweshiek county his sole possessions consisted of three hundred dollars and a team of horses. He became the owner, through his industry and good management, of five hundred and twenty acres of land in Poweshiek and Jasper counties.

Faternally Mr. Rinefort was identified with the Masonic order. He was a man of warm heart and genial disposition and had a kindly greeting for everybody. His death occurred in 1882, the result of injuries sustained from being thrown from a mowing machine. The mother removed to Grinnell in 1883 and passed from earthly scenes in August, 1904. There were three children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Rinefort: Andrew C., the subject of this review; Frederick L., who is an electrician and lives in Grinnell; and Louis H., who is engaged in the clothing business at Grinnell. All the farm lands and real estate owned by the father are now owned jointly by the three sons.

Andrew C. Rinefort was reared under the parental roof and acquired his education in the district schools and the Grinnell high school. At the age of seventeen he began as a clerk in the employ of the Adams China Company at Grinnell, and later was with the Grinnell Mercantile Company for about a year, when he resigned to pursue a course in the Elliott Business College at Burlington, Iowa. After completing a course at the college he returned to Grinnell and became identified with F. O. Proctor, the leading grocer of the city. About three years later, on account of the failing health of Mr. Proctor, Mr. Rinefort was given the complete management of the business, which he conducted with most gratifying results. In 1900 he resigned and purchased a half interest in the hardware business of I. S. Bailey Jr., the title of the firm becoming Bailey & Rinefort. In connection with their hardware business they established a grocery and the two were handled conjointly. In 1905 Mr. Rinefort purchased the interest of his partner and conducted the business independently until the spring of 1908 when he sold out. On February 1, 1909, the firm of Rinefort & Wesco was organized and purchased the grocery business of Holmes & Gove. Mr. Rinefort continued with the new concern until February 1, 1911, when he sold out his interest to W. S. Roby, and since then he has not been actively connected with any commercial enterprise.

On the 18th day of February, 1900, Mr. Rinefort was united in marriage to Miss Daisy McAttee, of Bloomfield, Iowa, a daughter of Robert and Jennie C. (Baird) McAttee. The father was a prominent citizen of Davis county, Iowa, and served as county auditor and in other offices of responsibility. Two children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Rinefort: Foster Christian and Helen Catherine.

Mr. Rinefort and his wife are both members of the Congregational church and sincere believers in its teachings. Politically he gives his adherence to the republican party and although he has frequently been urged to do so he has never consented to become a candidate for public office, preferring to give his entire attention to his business affairs. Fraternally he is connected with Grinnell Lodge, No. 175, K. P. He is a valued member of the Commercial Club of Grinnell and is always among the foremost in any movement tending to promote the advancement of the city's welfare. A resident of the county during



his entire life he is intimately identified with its interests and is known as one of the intelligent and wide-awake men of the community—a man of broad and comprehensive views, who lives not entirely for the present but recognizes in his life and work the claims of the future.

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### WILLIAM B. CRAWFORD.

The lifetime of William B. Crawford covered the Psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten, and during that period he made wise use of his time and efforts, being numbered among Poweshiek county's substantial and respected citizens. He was born in Ohio, near Gallion, Morrow county, on the 22d of February, 1834, and his death occurred in Brooklyn, Iowa, May 24, 1905. His parents, John and Margaret (Braden) Crawford, were also natives of Ohio, and there passed their entire lives on the old farm in Morrow county. Their family consisted of six children, of whom the subject of this review was the second in order of birth.

William B. Crawford spent the period of his boyhood and youth in Ohio and there acquired his education. He remained upon the old home farm until twenty-five years of age, and then, aroused by the spirit of adventure, went to Colorado at the time of the gold excitement at Pike's Peak, remaining in that region for about a year. He then came to Iowa, residing on a farm in Iowa county for a time, after which he made his way to Poweshiek county, where he located on a farm about two miles north of Brooklyn. Later he purchased a place seven miles north of town and there gave his attention to general farming for a number of years.

He proved very successful in this line of activity and became a very extensive farmer, adding to his property holdings as he prospered until he was the owner of five farms of eighty acres each, or four hundred acres of finely improved and valuable land. Two of these farms are now in the possession of his widow, while the remaining four farms were divided among his children at the time of his demise. He continued in the cultivation of his property until about eight years ago, when the success which had come to him as the logical result of industry, close application and wise management of his affairs, enabled him to withdraw from active labor and he took up his residence in Brooklyn. He was not long permitted to enjoy the rest which he had so well merited, however, for two years after his retirement he passed away, his death occurring on the 24th of May, 1905, when seventy-one years of age.

Mr. Crawford was well known in the locality in which he had so long made his home, and the high principles of manhood and citizenship which governed his life made him respected and esteemed by all who knew him. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in the work of which he was deeply, actively and helpfully interested, and fraternally held membership with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In politics he was a republican and held several township offices, the duties of which he performed in a capable and public-spirited manner. He was entitled to wear the Grand Army button for he

served in the Civil war for three years, enlisting from Iowa county and taking part in every engagement in which his regiment participated. He served until the close of hostilities and was honorably discharged with a most creditable military record.

Mr. Crawford was twice married. In 1858, in Iowa county, Iowa, he wedded Mary Ann Davidson, whose death occurred on the farm north of Brooklyn. She was the mother of five children, namely: Ella Rogers, whose death occurred in Nebraska; John, residing eight miles north of Grinnell, in Poweshiek county; Mary, the wife of James Montgomery, a farmer located three miles north of Brooklyn; Wesley, whose home is nine miles north of this city; and Olive Kinsinger, who passed away in Tama county.

In 1884, after the death of his first wife, Mr. Crawford was united in marriage to Mrs. Gertrude (Happy) Ferguson, who was born in Columbia county, New York, on the beautiful Hudson river, June 16, 1837, a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Plan) Happy, whose entire lives were passed in the Empire state. When fourteen years of age she removed with her parents to Ulster county, New York, and there was married to Alanson B. Ferguson, with whom she later came to Iowa, arriving at Davenport on the day on which President Lincoln was assassinated. In 1870 Mr. Ferguson died, and the two children of that marriage, Eugene and Adelaide, are also deceased, the former passing away at the age of six years and the latter at the age of five.

Mrs. Crawford continues her residence in Brooklyn, where she is well known, for she has gained for herself a wide circle of warm friends in this community by reason of her many excellent qualities of heart and mind.

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#### MOSES ROBBINS.

There are few men in Iowa who have a more intimate knowledge of stock raising and feeding than Moses Robbins, who makes his home at Grinnell. His farm, known as the Lake View Stock Farm, is one of the noted places of the kind in the state and from it each year large shipments of cattle are made to the market. He has devoted his life since boyhood mainly to agriculture and stock-feeding and has attained an unusual degree of success. He comes of Revolutionary ancestry, for his great-grandfather, who was the grandfather of both his father and mother, they being second cousins, served as a colonel in the Revolutionary war.

The subject of this review was born in Mercer county, Illinois, January 16, 1858, a son of Gilmore and Lucinda (Robbins) Robbins. The father was a native of Pennsylvania and the mother of Michigan. After their marriage they located on a farm in Mercer county, Illinois, where the father lived until 1884. The mother passed away in 1862, and Mr. Robbins has never married again. He acquired three hundred and twenty acres of land in Poweshiek county, Iowa, and in 1884 took up his residence in this county, where he has since remained. He is an extensive landholder, owning land in South Dakota, Nebraska, Indian Territory and Missouri. Politically he is identified with the republican party but



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he has never been an aspirant for public office, his business affairs being very extensive and occupying his entire attention.

Moses Robbins was reared in his native state and received his early education in the district schools. It was his intention to attend college but one day his father asked him what he intended to make of himself. He replied that he expected to devote his attention to farming, and the father advised in view of this fact, that he should come to Iowa and educate himself by practical application to the pursuit that he had voluntarily chosen. Accordingly at the age of nineteen, in 1877, Mr. Robbins came to Poweshiek county and for four years rented his father's farm. In the meantime he purchased three hundred and twenty acres of George Tallman in Jasper county and entered seriously upon his life work. Subsequently he bought three hundred and twenty acres on Rock Creek in this county and he operated both farms until the spring of 1911. He has rented the home farm but will continue in charge of his other place.

In March, 1908, he removed to Grinnell, where he has built a handsome residence, in which he has permanently established his home. For many years he has been one of the large cattle feeders of the county, handling as many as four hundred and fifty to five hundred head a year, and as he uses good judgment he generally receives a high price for stock which he sends to the market.

On the 6th of January, 1898, Mr. Robbins was united in marriage to Miss Angeline Dee, of Sheridan township, Poweshiek county, and by this union five children were born, namely: Gilmore; William McKinley and Charles Madison, both of whom are deceased; Harry, Claire; and Wilma Angeline.

It is nearly thirty-five years since Mr. Robbins came to Poweshiek county and entered a business in which he showed an adaptability which soon began to produce gratifying results. Even as a young man he was an excellent judge of stock and his reputation is practically state wide. He has witnessed great advancement in stock interests and has assisted very materially in the encouragement of the production of better grades of stock and in the application of modern methods of feeding and handling cattle. His business has always been conducted on a thoroughly honorable basis and no man ranks higher in commercial integrity. He is not a member of any religious denomination but politically, gives his adherence to the republican party as the one which, in his opinion, is the best adapted to guide the ship of state along channels of permanent prosperity.

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#### DENNIS BRYAN.

The most superficial observer as well as earnest and discriminating student quickly learns that the Bryan family has long figured conspicuously, prominently and honorably in connection with the annals of Poweshiek county and it is, therefore, meet that mention of Dennis Bryan be made upon the pages of this volume. He was born near Jamestown, Ohio, on the 23d of June, 1832, a son of Alanson and Esther (Mendenhall) Bryan, who were also natives of that county, the former having been born February 4, 1808, and the latter January 12, 1809. They were married November 14, 1827, and on the 12th of October,

1849, they arrived at Oskaloosa, Iowa, having traveled across the country with teams from Ohio, leaving their home in that state on the 10th of September.

Extended mention of the parents is made in connection with the sketch of Bedy Bryan on another page of this volume. About 1868 they removed to Hamilton county, Iowa, where the mother died in 1874, after which the father came to Poweshiek county to live with his children. In 1849 he made a trip to Oskaloosa where he purchased two hundred acres of land lying in Poweshiek county. Upon this farm he established his family and remained the owner of the land until he went to Hamilton county. From time to time he entered other tracts until he became the owner of nearly fifteen hundred acres in Jackson, Scott and Pleasant townships, of which he gave to each of his living children one hundred and twenty acres.

There were eleven children in the family: Morrison G., who died in Ohio in the winter of 1848; John M., of California; Rachel, who became the wife of Joseph Boni and died in Washington; Dennis; Bedy, now living retired in Montezuma; William A., of California; Rhoda, who died in Ohio; Neri E., of California; Mrs. Talitha Harner, of Montezuma; Andrew A., of Montezuma; and James J., who died in childhood. Andrew was a soldier in the Tenth Iowa Infantry during the Civil war, while Neri was a member of the Eighth Iowa Regiment.

Dennis Bryan was a youth of seventeen when he accompanied his parents to Iowa and remained upon the home farm until 1852 when he was married near Oskaloosa. He then began farming upon his own account and in 1855 he removed from Mahaska to Poweshiek county and settled upon a tract of one hundred and twenty acres given him by his father, its location being about a mile north of Montezuma, in Scott township. He added to that, becoming the owner of one hundred and sixty acres, upon which he placed substantial improvements. Year by year he carefully tilled the soil and made the property a very productive and valuable one. For forty-seven years he lived upon the place and then retired from business life, taking up his abode in Montezuma in November, 1902.

In 1852 Dennis Bryan was married to Miss Sitnah A. Pierson, who was born in Logan county, Ohio, May 12, 1833 and in 1850 accompanied her parents to Oskaloosa, Iowa. She died upon the home farm in Scott township November 18, 1868. The children of that marriage were: Rosalie Araminta, who was born March 11, 1854, and died February 11, 1860; Lydia E., the wife of E. P. Michener, of Lee county, Iowa; Alice May, who was born May 24, 1858, and married Edwin Michener, her death occurring some years later in California; Francis H., of Pasadena, California, who married Nettie Sanders and has three children; Minnie Isadora, who was born November 18, 1862, and is now deceased; and Lindler N., who was born February 2, 1865, and who married Mary R. Evanston, of Minnesota, and has four children. Having lost his first wife, Dennis Bryan was married on the 23d of November, 1870, to Mrs. Cedella Martin, who was born in Tippecanoe county, Indiana, in 1835, and was reared in Illinois and came to Poweshiek county in 1868. She is a daughter of Levi Shaw and widow of John H. Martin, by whom she had one daughter, now Mrs. Laura M. Hatch, of Los Angeles, California.

Mr. Bryan united with the Methodist Episcopal church in 1866 and has since guided his life by its teachings, being an upright, honorable Christian man whose sterling worth and good deeds have commended him to the confidence, respect and good will of all who know him.

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### W. G. BAIR.

The prosperity of any community, town or city depends upon its commercial activity, its industrial interests and its trade relations, and therefore among the builders of a town are those who stand at the head of business enterprises. Prominent in that class in Malcom is numbered W. G. Bair, proprietor of the W. G. Bair Lumber Company, one of the most extensive concerns of its kind in Poweshiek county. Iowa claims him as her native son, his birth occurring in Ladora, Iowa county, on the 23d of March, 1876. His parents, George W. and Phoebe Ann (Close) Bair, were natives of Ohio although of Pennsylvania parentage, and as children came to Iowa with their parents, the family homes being established in Iowa county in the '50s. The father engaged in farming until his retirement from active life, and at one time also conducted a hotel at Ladora. He and his wife now make their home at Washington.

W. G. Bair spent his boyhood on his father's farm, near Ladora and attended the country schools until he was fourteen years of age, when his parents took up their abode in the town and there he graduated from the high school with the class of 1896. In 1897 he completed a commercial course in the Iowa City Business College, and at once accepted a position as bookkeeper for A. L. King, conducting a lumber, furniture and undertaking establishment at Ladora. He was employed in that capacity until 1902, at which time the money which he had carefully saved enabled him, in connection with E. B. Cook, to purchase the business, which was then conducted under the firm style of Bair & Cook for one year. He next entered into a partnership with E. W. McKnight, under the name of Bair & McKnight, which association was continued for two years, at the end of which time Mr. Bair sold his interest to Mr. King and came to Malcom, arriving in this city on the 26th of September, 1905. Here he purchased the grain, lumber and coal business of F. P. Hubbard & Son which he at once reorganized as the W. G. Bair Lumber Company, Mr. Bair being the sole owner and manager, although his wife and two sons are interested in the business.

From a small beginning the business has grown with a rapidity that is almost surprising, its trade being built up along progressive and substantial lines until today it ranks among the foremost enterprises of Malcom. It carries a heavier stock than any other concern of its kind in Poweshiek county and its banking for one year amounts to over two hundred thousand dollars, while it employs from eight to twenty men. The prosperous condition of the business is due entirely to the well directed efforts of Mr. Bair, who in the conduct of his affairs has strongly manifested keen discrimination, sound judgment, executive ability and excellent management, supplemented by an unbending integrity, un-



abating energy and industry that never flags. In 1910 he established a stone business at Ewart, which is operated in connection with the business at Malcom, and he also engages in the manufacture of cement blocks, in which direction his efforts have likewise met with substantial results. He is interested, too, in farm lands in Canada and Minnesota.

The year 1899 witnessed the marriage of Mr. Bair to Miss Maude Wing, a native of Iowa county, Iowa, and a daughter of L. E. Wing, and unto this union have been born two sons: Harold and Ronald.

Mr. Bair holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and is well known in fraternal circles in this community, being a Royal Arch Mason, while he is also identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. In his life he has exemplified the term progress and in his intelligent appreciation for and utilization of opportunities is found the secret of his success. He has become widely known through the extent of his business interests and is regarded as one of the most prominent business men of this community.

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#### MILFORD F. BABB.

Among those who have chosen as their life vocation that occupation which Washington once described as the "most useful as well as the most honorable" a man could follow, is numbered Milford F. Babb. He was born in Henry county, Illinois, on the 26th of September, 1854, and is a representative of a family which had its origin in Germany. His grandparents were natives of Virginia, who in early life removed to Ohio and subsequently to Illinois, while both passed away in Poweshiek county, Iowa. Their son, Joseph Babb, the father of our subject, was born in Ohio on the 9th of November, 1826, and throughout his active life engaged in agricultural pursuits, although during his last years he lived retired. He came to Poweshiek county in 1869 and purchased four hundred acres in Jackson township, which he brought under a good state of cultivation. He passed away on January 8, 1910, and is yet survived by his wife, Mrs. Nancy J. (Marple) Babb, who was born in Bureau county, Illinois, May 29, 1835. In their family were the following children: Milford F., of this review; Mary, who married S. E. Jacobs, of Galesburg, Illinois; George, a resident of Jackson township; Harvey E., of Union county; Della, the wife of Alvin Ellison, of Montezuma; Cynthia, who married Fred Ludeman, of Chicago, Illinois; and two who passed away in infancy. The father of this family was a soldier of the Civil war, enlisting in September, 1864, as a member of the Fourth Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, and serving until the close of hostilities. In June, 1866, he returned to Illinois and there made his home until February, 1869, when he came to Iowa. He was a member of the Grand Army Post at Montezuma and of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which his widow also belongs. In politics he was a republican.

In 1869, when fifteen years of age, Milford F. Babb came to Poweshiek county, and in Jackson township he has since continued his residence except



for three years when he lived in Montezuma. He has continued to live for the past twenty-five years on his present farm, which consists of one hundred and seven acres, located on section 18, Jackson township, and here he has engaged continuously in general farming and stock-raising. The substantial degree of success which is today his indicates the close application and unfaltering industry which have characterized his efforts in this direction, for he has made a close study of agriculture, has cultivated the cereals best adapted to soil and climate, has practiced rotation of crops and has employed in the management of his affairs the most practical and progressive methods.

On the 14th of October, 1875, Mr. Babb was united in marriage to Miss Mattie E. Lester, who was born in Mahaska county, Iowa, on the 25th of January, 1857, a daughter of Alexander and Ellen Jane (Graham) Lester. Her father is now deceased and her widowed mother makes her home in Deep River township at the age of eighty-two years. Mr. and Mrs. Babb have no children of their own but have in their home a young man, Emmett Havens, whom they have reared since he was a little lad of three years.

They are earnest Christian people, holding membership in the Methodist Episcopal church of Montezuma, and occupy a high place in the regard and esteem of all who know them. Mr. Babb has fraternal relations with the Masons and with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and in the latter organization belongs to the subordinate encampment and Rebekah lodges. He gives his political support to the republican party but has never sought nor desired public office. His has been a life of continuous activity, in which has been accorded due recognition of earnest labor, and today is one of the substantial and valued citizens of Jackson township.

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### N. M. HARRIS.

N. M. Harris who for many years has been known as one of the prominent business men of Poweshiek county but is now living practically retired at Grinnell, is a native of this county, and was born in Deep River township November 24, 1859. He is a son of Thomas and Maria (Mayo) Harris, record of whom appears elsewhere in this work.

Reared upon his father's farm, he acquired his early education in the district schools and at the age of seventeen entered Iowa College which he attended for three years. After leaving college he became a partner in the grain and lumber business of T. Harris & Company, of which his father was the head. For about two years he managed a branch concern at Vandalia, Missouri, and then returned to Montezuma and assumed charge of the business at that point, continuing in this position for twenty-nine years and being assisted in the discharge of his responsibilities by John McDonald, his brother-in-law. In 1910 he severed his connection with the grain and lumber business, closing out his interests to O. C. King & Company, of Quill Lake, Canada, but retaining the business which had been established at Barnes City and Clarendon, Iowa. He

is president of the Thornburg Bank of Thornburg, Keokuk county, Iowa, and is also an extensive landowner of Minnesota and Texas.

In 1881 Mr. Harris was united in marriage to Miss Effie Daniel, of Mexico, Missouri, a daughter of Andrew B. and Matilda (Greenwade) Daniel, both of whom were born in Kentucky. Four children came to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Harris, namely: Harry Mayo, who graduated from Iowa College in 1908 with the degree of A. B. and is now assistant cashier of the Citizens National Bank of Grinnell; Bessie B., who is living at home; Pearl M., who is now a student in the sophomore class of Iowa College; and Effie Olga, now attending the public schools.

In politics Mr. Harris is in full sympathy with the progressive element of the republican party. He has never sought political honors but he has served most acceptably as city clerk of Montezuma and as deputy county auditor. He has filled the office of chairman of the republican county committee and has often been selected as a delegate to county and state conventions. His voice is always in behalf of honest government. No man represents more clearly and ably the advanced ideas as to the application of business methods in the affairs of county, state and nation. Fraternally he is connected with Montezuma Lodge, No. 238, K. P., and he and his estimable wife are sincere members of the Methodist church. Since 1902 he has made his home in Grinnell. A member of one of the most respected families of the county, he worthily represents the name, and now in the prime of life, financially independent and happy in his family and friends, he is accorded the respect and confidence of all who know him.

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#### WILLIAM E. CHEDESTER.

By the practice of self-denial in his early manhood and by the application of good business principles William E. Chedester acquired sufficient capital to purchase one hundred and ninety-four acres in Washington township. This land he has developed into an attractive farm which is a pleasing evidence of his industry and perseverance. He is a native of Monroe county, Iowa, born April 10, 1873, a son of Benjamin F. and Mary (Gleeson) Chedester, the former born in West Virginia and the latter at Quincy, Illinois. The father came to Peoria, Illinois, and engaged in work on a farm, later moving to Quincy, where he was married. Soon afterwards he took up his residence at Davenport, Iowa, where he worked in a meat market for several years. Subsequently he purchased a farm and devoted his attention to agriculture and stock-raising until his death which occurred in April, 1906, his wife having been called away twenty-six years previously. Politically he gave his support to the republican party and religiously he was identified with the Methodist church. At the time of the war he served in an Illinois regiment in behalf of the Union and was for many years a valued member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The fifth in order of birth in a family of eight children, William E. Chedester grew up in the paternal home and received his education in the public schools. He worked on his father's farm until 1892 and then came to Grinnell where he was employed by the month until 1901 when he began farming upon his own account upon the place where he now lives. He has prospered in his labors as is indicated by the well kept appearance of his farm and the modern appliances which he uses in his work. His home is thoroughly comfortable and the barns and outbuildings are substantial and furnish ample shelter for stock and grain.

On the 23d of February, 1898, Mr. Chedester was united in marriage to Miss Allie B. Kingdon, a daughter of Charles and Carrie (Legg) Kingdon, of Grinnell. Four children have been born to this union: Edith, Brainard, Gurdeon and Lois, all of whom are at home. In his political views Mr. Chedester is independent. He votes according to the demands and exigencies of the times, being governed in the selection of candidates by their character and ability rather than by the political party they represent. Fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America. From his boyhood a diligent and capable worker, Mr. Chedester has never found pleasure in idleness and at all times has willingly assumed a responsibility when by so doing he could advance his own interests and the interests of those about him. He rightfully belongs among the representative and progressive citizens of Washington township.

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### THE SANDERS FAMILY.

For the last fifty years one of the best known of the substantial families of Poweshiek county has been that of Nathan Sanders. Of this family there are two sons, Joseph Howard and David Albert, still living in Grinnell, while a third, George Lucius, has in recent years removed to California. A personal history of the members of this family merges itself in greater part into the history of their common enterprise—a large stock and dairy farm near Grinnell, in which the brothers, together with their sister Elmira, were associated for many years with the utmost harmony, having a common treasury from which each drew for his own needs at will.

The parents, Nathan and Betsey (Shedd) Sanders, were born respectively in the years 1800 and 1805, in the town of Mason, Hillsboro county, New Hampshire. Nathan Sanders was a woodworker and millwright by trade. For a few years previous to 1836 he owned and operated a farm at Alstead, New Hampshire. In 1836 he removed to New Ipswich, New Hampshire, where, in company with his brother George, he engaged in the manufacture and sale of tinware under the firm name of N. & G. Sanders. A few years later a branch business was established at Concord, New Hampshire. The business at Concord became the main branch of the firm and the New Ipswich establishment was discontinued. In the early '60s the business was sold. The home in New

Ipswich was also sold. After a few years' residence with a married daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Jewett, at Fitchburg, Massachusetts, they removed to Grinnell in 1867 and here lived until they passed away in 1887. Five children—Caroline Elmira, Silas Luman, Joseph Howard, George Lucius and David Albert—also came to Grinnell.

Nathan Sanders was one of the leading citizens of New Ipswich. For many years he was one of the select men of the town and during most of the time was sealer of weights and measures. When a young man he became a strong temperance advocate and during the years of slavery agitation was an abolitionist.

The family first became represented in Grinnell in the fall of 1863, when two of the sons of Nathan Sanders came to what was then the terminus of the Rock Island Railroad, looking for a good business location. These brothers, Silas Luman and George Lucius, liked the prospects and decided to remain. Not finding any other residence available for their purpose, they bought the hotel then known as the Reed House. In March, 1864, another brother, Joseph Howard, came, followed in April of the same year by a sister and brother, Caroline Elmira and David Albert. In 1867 the father and mother, Nathan and Betsey Sanders, came to live with the sons and daughter already located in Grinnell. The hotel, known under the new management as the Sanders House, was run but a few years, being sold in the early '70s, for the Sanders brothers, foreseeing the rapid and continuous settlement of the rich prairie lands of the county, appreciated that the large business opportunities were in agricultural lines. From that time on until 1902, when the business was sold, the interests of the family were identified with the pioneer development of the nation's richest agricultural state. They owned and operated eleven hundred acres three miles from Grinnell, the most of which was bought in 1866 for five dollars and a half an acre. The main lines of business were dairying and cattle feeding. It was the largest dairy farm in the history of the county. The improvements and equipments were as complete and adequate as were anywhere to be found, and no visitor at Grinnell had seen all the town's interesting features unless he had inspected this farm. As a live stock farm it had few equals either in the amount of business done or the efficiency of its operation. The feed yards accommodated a hundred head of steers. The dairy barn stabled upwards of one hundred and fifty head of stock and held two hundred and fifty tons of hay. From eighty to one hundred cows were milked. The output of butter rose as high as five hundred pounds a week and was marketed in the mining camps of Colorado at remunerative prices. Of all kinds—cattle, hogs, horses, etc.—from four to five hundred head of stock were kept, for which there was ample stable room. To the stable room, the addition of cribs and granaries, with feed-grinding outfits and the latest improved farm machinery, made the establishment a model farm. Sanders Brothers sold the home place in 1902 but still own property near Grinnell.

The following are some of the main facts concerning the personnel of the Sanders family. Silas Luman Sanders died in 1869, soon after moving to Iowa, and his wife died a few years later. He had been married in 1864 to Miss Jane Taylor, of Denmark, Iowa. Two children were born to them: the elder,



Elizabeth, married S. Clay Gilbert of Minneapolis, Minnesota; and the younger, George Luman, died in 1901 aged twenty-two years.

Joseph Howard Sanders was united in marriage to Miss Betsie Azuba Taylor, of Manchester, Vermont, August 13, 1866. He, together with his brother Albert, was in active management of the farm until it was sold in 1902. Since then he has lived practically retired in Grinnell. The two children of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Sanders are Annie Josephine and Nathan Edwin Sanders.

George Lucius Sanders was a resident of Grinnell from 1863 until 1908, when he removed to Modesto, California. Together with other duties he did the buying and selling for the firm. He was a member of the school board, a director of the First National Bank and deacon in the Congregational church. He was married December 12, 1871, to Miss Mary Steele, of Grinnell, who died at Modesto, California, in 1908. Their two children are: William Steele Sanders, of Grinnell; and Charles Lucius Sanders, of Modesto, California.

David Albert Sanders still lives at Grinnell. In 1880 he married Miss Hester Byden Clifford, of Oneida, Illinois. In 1891 he gave up active participation in the farm management, which had been shared jointly with his brother Howard. His poor health necessitating a change of climate, he went to Bentonville, Arkansas, but returned to Grinnell in 1893. Mrs. Sanders died in 1908. The three children of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sanders are: Hester Elmira, Fannie Ellen and Mary Clifford Sanders.

The sister, Caroline Elmira Sanders, was associated with the brothers in the development and operation of their enterprise. During the pioneer days and as late as 1887 she had charge of the domestic arrangements of the hotel until it was sold and later of the farm. During these earlier years she had supervision of the butter and cheese making. By her tireless industry and unusual executive talent and business ability she contributed in no small measure to the success of the joint enterprise. Her death in 1908 left a vacancy never to be filled in the life of the Sanders family and of the community.

The solidarity of the family was evidenced not alone by the remarkable concord with which they conducted their enterprises but was shown as well by the similarity of taste, ambition, temperament and standards of living and of morals among its members. These standards were the standards of the men and women, typical Yankees, who, leaving the sterner conditions of living in New England, have developed under the more hospitable conditions of these prairies a commonwealth and a civilization without exception in many respects second to none in history. Their industry, frugality and careful business sagacity merited the reward of material prosperity attained. Honest and honorable in all dealings, rendering full value for value received, they have always been accorded the highest regard of their business associates. Clean of life and speech, affectionate and generous in their domestic relations, actively sympathetic with all things uplifting, their virility has indelibly stamped on future institutions, religious, domestic, political, social and industrial, a large measure of their own high standards. It is the character and work of such men and women, built into the foundations of our institutions, that have made possible the rearing of this commonwealth, unsurpassed in attainment. But the efficiency with which they wrought is the promise of a future state and nation which shall

be a realization of the hopes of those pioneers who from generation to generation have left that which was good, the old, and gone on to the new and untried—the better.

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### REV. THOMAS BRANDE.

In the rush and hurry of everyday life it often seems that people are rated by what they have accomplished in a material way, and yet when death claims any individual we know that it is character which has counted and which gives to the individual his place in the regard and in the memory of his friends and associates. A life devoted to gospel service and an example that remains as a beneficent influence in the lives of many with whom he came in contact entitles the Rev. Thomas Brande to prominent mention in the history of Poweshiek county.

He was born July 1, 1810, and passed away May 26, 1898, having attained the venerable age of eighty-eight years. He was a native of Leicestershire, England, and a son of the Rev. William and Sarah (Yates) Brande. His father was a minister of the Baptist church and was educated in England, where much of his religious work was done, but in later years he came to the United States and for a time preached the gospel in Pennsylvania, subsequently removing westward to Kenosha county, Wisconsin, where the family settled upon a farm, although the father for some years still continued his ministerial labors. Both he and his wife passed away in that county and were there laid to rest.

When about thirteen years of age Thomas Brande left his home in England and came to America to live with an uncle, John Yates, a jeweler of Lansingburg, New York. There he was apprenticed to the jeweler's trade, completing a seven years' term of indenture, but during those years he was also preparing himself for the ministry by reading and study. In later years he was frequently asked at what theological institution he was educated and he would reply: "At the work bench." With his tools in his hand, while busy with some mechanical pursuits, his mind would reach out to the problems of life and consideration of the path or course which the individual should follow for the best development of the moral nature.

He determined to become a preacher of the gospel and at twenty-three years of age entered the active work of the ministry, his first pastorate being at Waterford, New York. Later he occupied pulpits at Whitehall, Ticonderoga and at Westport in northern New York, and in 1868 came to Grinnell, Iowa. Ten years before he had spent the summer in this place. It was in that same year that the Baptist church of Grinnell was organized and he preached for the little congregation at that time, thus becoming the first Baptist minister of this city. On his return to Grinnell in 1868 he took charge of the congregation here, over which he presided for twelve years, devoting his energies untiringly toward the upbuilding of the church, his teachings and his influence being of far-reaching effect in the lives of those who came under his ministrations. At length as age came upon him he deemed it best to retire from the active work of the

ministry, but after resigning his pastorate at Grinnell acted as supply in various pulpits, preaching for a year for the congregation at Toledo, Iowa, and for one year at Killduff. He retained his residence, however, in Grinnell, throughout that period.

He lived to a ripe old age and a long and useful life of eighty-eight years was closed when he was called to his final rest. He was an able exponent of the truths of the gospel, a clear and logical thinker and an earnest and often eloquent speaker. Not only in the pulpit, however, did he seek to lead the people to accept the gospel message, but also by a blameless life gave to them an example which has been a stimulus and inspiration in the lives of many who knew him.

Rev. Brande was married twice. He first wedded Miss Pearl Brewster, of New York, by whom he had a daughter, who died in Wisconsin. Mrs. Brande passed away while they were yet residents of Westport, New York, and on the 20th of April, 1857, Mr. Brande was united in marriage in Kenosha, Wisconsin, to Miss Isabella Brainerd, whose parents died in her childhood so that she was reared by an aunt, Mrs. Klove, of Racine county, Wisconsin. There was one son of this marriage, Edward Brainerd Brande, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume. Mrs. Brande is a member of the Baptist church and while now in her seventy-fourth year appears much younger, being remarkably well preserved, both mentally and physically.

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### ROBERT ANDREW MOORE.

Robert Andrew Moore engaged in general farming in Bear Creek township, was born in Augusta county, Virginia, on the 8th of September, 1856, and is a son of Jeremiah and Sarah (Robeson) Moore, also natives of the Old Dominion. The father, who was a farmer, passed away in his native state in 1870, but the mother, who survived until 1891, removed to Brooklyn, Poweshiek county, in 1883 and there she died seven years later.

Robert Andrew Moore acquired his education in the common schools which he attended until he was fourteen years of age, during which time he also assisted his father in the work of the farm. Laying aside his text-books in 1870 he was employed as a farm hand for several years in the vicinity of his home. In March, 1878, he came to Iowa, locating in Malcom township, Poweshiek county, where he spent a year and then removed to Madison township where he remained until 1891. He subsequently went to Brooklyn, where he worked out during the summer, and then rented a farm north of the Madison township church which he cultivated for a year. After the expiration of that period he was in the employ of others for three years, following which he rented another place in Madison township which he cultivated for eight years. He then removed to Brooklyn where he lived with his brother for a year, during which time his mother, who had kept house for him ever since the death of his father, passed away. In the spring of 1892 he purchased his present homestead, which consists of one hundred and sixty acres, in Bear Creek township. Three

years later he bought eighty acres lying just north of his farm in Madison township. He has continued to add to his holdings from time to time until he has acquired six hundred and forty acres of excellent farm land in Bear Creek and Madison townships.

In 1894 Mr. Moore was united in marriage to Miss Helen I. Scott, a daughter of Thomas P. and Jane (Douglass) Scott. The father, who was then a well known farmer in Bear Creek township, was born and reared in Scotland. He emigrated to the United States when a youth of seventeen years, locating near Kewanee, Illinois, where he worked as a farm hand. In 1869 he came to Bear Creek township, Poweshiek county, where he bought a farm and after placing upon it the necessary improvements returned to Illinois for his bride. Mr. Scott passed away in Brooklyn, in February, 1901, but his wife is still surviving and continues to reside in Brooklyn. Mrs. Scott was a native of Glasgow, Scotland, but when a child of ten years came to the United States with her people, who first located in Vermont but later removed to Illinois where she met and subsequently married Mr. Scott. Four children have been born unto Mr. and Mrs. Moore as follows: Jean, thirteen years of age, who is attending the Bear Creek township school No. 3; Catharine, aged eleven, who goes to the home school; Roberta, who is one year of age; and one who died in infancy.

The family attend the Presbyterian church at Brooklyn of which Mrs. Moore is a member. In state and national elections Mr. Moore votes the straight democratic ticket but in local affairs gives his support to the men he deems best fitted for the office. He has never been an office seeker but for two terms he served as a school director in district No. 3, Bear Creek township. His entire attention is devoted to the direction of his personal affairs in which he is meeting with most gratifying returns. He rents all of his land, with the exception of the one hundred and sixty acres contained in his homeplace, where he engages in general farming and the raising and feeding of stock for the market. A man of energy and ability Mr. Moore is recognized as one of the most competent agriculturists in the community. His land is thoroughly tiled and drained, the fields are well cultivated and the improvements are exceptionally good. Such success as has attended his efforts is entirely due to his perseverance and tireless energy.

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#### JAMES MANATT.

James Manatt, deceased, was one of the enterprising and successful agriculturists of Poweshiek county, of which he had been a resident for about fifty years. He was born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, in February, 1827, and was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Manatt, both of Irish descent. The father, who was a native of County Down, emigrated to the United States in 1812, locating in Pennsylvania. Some years thereafter he and his family removed to Holmes county, Ohio, where the mother passed away. Mr. Manatt and the children subsequently migrating to Iowa. Upon their arrival in this state they



first located in Washington county, but later came to Brooklyn, Poweshiek county, where in 1863 the father died.

James Manatt obtained his education in the district schools of Ohio and Iowa, following which he assisted his father in the cultivation of the home farm until he had attained the age of twenty years, when he was married. He subsequently acquired a farm in Carnsforth, this county, which he cultivated for many years, during which time he added to his holdings until he owned three hundred and ninety acres. From time to time he bought other property until he became one of the most extensive landowners in the county. In 1880 he removed to the village of Brooklyn where he continued to reside until his demise on the 13th of February, 1911. He had not been actively engaged in agricultural pursuits for many years prior to his death, having rented his land.

Mr. Manatt was twice married. His first wife, who is now deceased, was Miss Livina Snook of Warren township. Six children were born of this union, in order of birth as follows: John W., a stockman of Chelsea, Iowa; Eliza, who died on the 1st of October, 1908, the wife of Henry Strasser, of Thornburg, this state; Mrs. Lewis Gorsuch, of Brooklyn; Ella M., the widow of Edward Kraft, who passed away on the 12th of December, 1888; and Alice L. and Emily, both of whom reside in Grinnell. For his second wife Mr. Manatt chose Miss Cornelia Squires, a daughter of Sumner L. and Parizade (Payne) Squires. The mother, who was a descendant of Sir Simon Fiske, belonged to one of the oldest and best known families of Vermont, whose members were people of education and culture. She was a native of the Green Mountain state, her birth having occurred in Highgate. Prior to her marriage she was a teacher and was regarded as a highly educated woman for that period. Mr. Squires, who was also a teacher during his early manhood, was born on an island in Lake Champlain and was a son of John Squires. He and his wife migrated from their native state to Iowa, locating in Poweshiek county in 1855. The father, who for many years was engaged in general farming and stock-raising on a farm in Jefferson township, drove a large herd of cattle from Aurora, Illinois, to his farm, many of them dying from cold and starvation as the winter was one of the most severe ever experienced in this section of the state. They resided upon their homestead for thirty years, but in 1885 removed to Brooklyn, where the father passed away in February, 1892, and the mother in April, 1904. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Manatt were born four children: Earl L., who was born in 1877 and died in April, 1907, was a physician of New Castle, Indiana. He married Amelia Bond of Kirksville, Missouri, in which town he passed away, and they had one son who is now five years of age. Ernest S., who is also a physician and a resident of Hampton, Iowa, married Maude Kraboehill of that city and they have one son, Earle K., who is one year of age. Rex Irving, who is the third son, still continues to make his home with his mother in Brooklyn. Horace J. F., who was accidentally killed in 1898 while playing with his companions, had attained his seventh year. Mrs. Manatt is still surviving and makes her home at Brooklyn.

A republican in politics, Mr. Manatt always gave his support to that party. He always took a helpful interest in all local governmental affairs and was for many years president and treasurer of the school board of Warren township.

He was also county trustee for three terms; assessor for a long period; and justice of the peace for years. He affiliated with the Presbyterian church in the faith of which denomination he had been reared, his father having been one of the charter members of the Brooklyn church. Mrs. Manatt was also identified with that church until 1908 at which time she withdrew in order to unite with the Church of Christ. She is also a member of the Columbian Club of Brooklyn, being a woman of progressive ideas and scholarly instincts. Mr. Manatt had attained the venerable age of eighty-four years at the time of his demise, which occurred after about a year's illness. During the greater portion of his life he had resided in Poweshiek county. He had seen the prairie transformed into beautiful orchards and well cultivated fields and villages develop into thriving towns and cities, and had contributed his share in forwarding the march of civilization.

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